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INTRODUCTION.

On October 10, 1872, Mr. Moritz Loth, President of Congregation Bene Yeshurun, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at a general meeting thereof, submitted his annual report, wherein he used the following language:

“The building of Temples and worshipping therein is not sufficient to spread the beneficial light of our religion: we must have Rabbis who possess the ability to preach and expound eloquently the true text of our belief. Such Rabbis we can only have by educating them, and to educate them we must have a ‘Jewish Theological Faculty,’ an institution which is as necessary for the future glory of our religion as air and water are essential to sustain animal life; and, in order to take the initiatory steps to establish such a college, I respectfully recommend to you to appoint a committee of twelve members, and request our sister congregations of this city to appoint committees of the same number, who shall meet and take into consideration the calling of a general conference of all the congregations of the West, South and North-west, with a view to form a union of congregations, the object of which should be: First, to establish a ‘Jewish Theological Faculty.’ Second, to publish proper books for our Sabbath-schools. Third, to adopt a code of laws which are not to be invaded under the plausible phrase of reform; namely, that *Milah* shall never be abolished, that the Sabbath shall be observed on Saturday and never be changed to any other day, that the *Shechitah* and the dietary laws shall not be disregarded, but commended as preserving health and prolonging life, as it has been statistically proved in such cities as London, Prague, Presburg and Pesth.

“And it shall be a fixed rule that any Rabbi who, by his preach-

ing or acts, advises the abolishment of the *Milah*, or to observe our Sabbath on Sunday, etc., has forfeited his right to preach before a Jewish congregation, and any congregation employing such a Rabbi shall, for the time being, be deprived of the honor to be a member of the Union of Congregations.

"I hope that you will act favorably on my recommendation, and that it will receive the support of our sister congregations, which would lead to a Union of Congregations at large, and the adoption by that body of some safeguard against the so-called reform, which, if not checked, may become disastrous to our cause."

The recommendation of the President was unanimously concurred in by the congregation, and a Committee appointed as suggested consisting of Messrs. Henry Mack, Abraham Aub, Jacob L. Miller, M. J. Mack, Nathaniel Newburgh, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Stix, Leopold Wisè, B. Simon, Max Thurnauer, Gabriel Netter and Benjamin May.

On October 18, 1872, the following editorial appeared in the *Israelite* of Cincinnati, edited by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise:

"The reader's attention is called to the address of M. Loth, Esq., President of the K. K. Bene Yeshurun, read to, and adopted by, the general meeting of that body, and published elsewhere. As suggested by that address, the congregation appointed a committee of twelve to confer with similar committees from the other congregations of this city, for the purpose of moving the Hebrew Congregations West and South to unite in conference and establish a Theological Faculty somewhere, and give expression to the will of the congregations as to how far reform within the pale of Judaism may go, and where it must stop. The last point is casuistical, and ought to be left to a conference of Rabbis, or at least to men learned in Law. Congregational delegates, not of the above categories, can only give utterance to prevailing views for the time being. But this also appears important to us, and ought to be expressed, for two valid reasons. In the first place, it ought to be officially known that the congregations West and South, with very few exceptions, have embraced the cause of reform, as far as it is subservient to the preservation, elevation and Americanization of Judaism; to the conciliation of faith and reason, law and practical life.

"In the second place, Rabbis and other Ministers ought to be told the popular will in this important point, in order to guard against the conflicts of the pulpit and pens. We do not maintain that the points mentioned by Mr. Loth are final and absolute, we follow a settled system in these matters; but we agree with him on the main, that cardinal points ought to be stipulated, beyond which reform can not go, with the consent of the congregations now in existence. As regards, however, Mr. Loth's primary points, viz.; the Conference and the Theological Faculty, or Rabbinical Seminary, we need not repeat that they express our innermost wishes for American Judaism.

"After years of careful study and various experiences, our conviction has not been changed, that Judaism in America must represent a Union by its conferences or synods, to act in harmony and concert on all questions of general interest, and must educate American Rabbis for the American pulpit, in order to have a future in this country. Neither arguments nor scoldings and calumnies had the least influence on our settled opinion on this point. The Congregation Bene Yeshurun has now, for the third time, unanimously resolved that such is also the conviction of this honorable body. It remains, however, to be seen whether the other congregations of Cincinnati are of the same opinion, and whether the congregations West and South can be moved to united action. We hope the move will prove a success, and would only suggest to the committee to organize and go to work without any unnecessary delay. As regards Mr. Loth's geographical divisions of congregations, excluding the East, we are not convinced of the justice or prudence involved in the position. We know of no geographical divisions among our congregations. Still Mr. Loth is a practical man, and may have plausible arguments to advance in support of this point as he shaped it. Anyhow, it ought to be taken into careful consideration before its final adoption. Whenever the Committee shall have organized, we will report its proceedings, but that is all we can promise to do at present. To the other Cincinnati congregations we would say this: There have been peace, harmony and good-will among the Cincinnati Hebrew Congregations as long as we can recollect; but there has been, outside of charity, very little co-operation among them. They have never tried, hence they can not

know, how much influence they may exercise on the Hebrew body of this country. Let them try, for once, to unite upon some great and practicable project for the benefit of Judaism at large, present and future, and let us learn by experience what can and what can not be done. They have outgrown the age of individual organization. They have arrived at the point of manhood, of co-operation, of general interests, of true citizenship in the community of Israel; or they have not. If they have, they must demonstrate it. The reforms in the Synagogue West and South originated in Cincinnati. If those congregations are willing to continue the great and good work, they must energetically enter upon the second phase of reform, which is to construct a union of congregations, to realize such projects which one neither can or need realize, and which, for the benefit of all, should be called into existence. This is reform in its solidarity. Let us see who cares for Judaism in general, and who does not."

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the same Congregation (Bene Yeshurun) held on February 13, 1873, the following letters were read:

K. K. AHAVATH ACHIM, }
CINCINNATI, January 12, 1873. }

To the Honorable President, Vice-President and the Board of Trustees, of K. K. B. Y.:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your worthy communication of November 5, 1872, I have the pleasure to inform you that this congregation has appointed a committee of twelve, to act in conjunction with similar committees from other congregations of this city, for calling a general conference for the purpose of forming a union of congregations for the object of establishing a Jewish Theological Faculty.

Committee:—Joel H. Steinberg, Sam Hess, M. Hilb, Em. Hess, Jr., I. P. Strauss, Sam Weil, M. Steinfeld, Herman Lowenstein, W. Lazarus, Isaac Frankenberg, J. Stickler and Isaac Faller. With due regard, I remain your obedient servant,

J. AMBERG,

Sec'y pro tem.

CINCINNATI, December 13, 1872.

To the President and Board of Trustees of K. K. Bene Yeshurun, City:

GENTLEMEN:—Your communication of the 5th of November came duly to hand, and the following Committee was appointed to confer with similar committees:

Rev. Dr. Berg, Louis Harris, M. Haas, Isaac Levy, H. Flohr, B. S. Loventhal, E. Newman, Philip Phillips, N. L. Levinson, A. Davis, Morris Tuch and S. L. Møde.

I am, gentlemen, respectfully your obedient servant,

B. S. LOVENTHAL,

Sec'y Congregation Adath Israel.

CINCINNATI, January 29, 1873.

To the President and Board of Trustees of K. K. Bene Yeshurun:

GENTLEMEN:—Your communication, dated November 12, 1872, was received and approved at a meeting held by the Board of Trustees. The object of establishing a Jewish Theological School is a noble one, and we are happy to inform you that we have appointed a committee of twelve members to act in conjunction with your committee.

Committee:—Messrs. Nathan Moses, B. Benjamin, P. Bamberger, A. Strauss, H. Bing, Jr., L. Meiss, A. Bamberger, Joseph Bloch, M. Bing, Sr., Henry Marks, Henry Straus, H. Weineman.

Yours respectfully,

M. BING, Jr.,

Sec'y K. K. Sherith Israel.

The following letter from Henry Adler, Esq., was read, and, on motion of Mr. Henry Stix, a Committee of three was appointed, who, in conjunction with the President, were authorized to execute the necessary documents to enable the congregation to receive the money for the purposes stated in the letter. The President appointed Messrs. Henry Stix, Herrmann Mack and Max Thurnauer as the Committee.

CINCINNATI, February, 13, 1873.

To the Honorable President and Board of Trustees of K. K. Bene Yeshurun, Cincinnati:

GENTLEMEN:—Being convinced that in order to promote the welfare and to perpetuate the doctrines and the blessed teach-

ings of the religion of Israel, it is essential to establish a "Jewish Theological Faculty." I, therefore, propose to deposit with the congregation you have the honor to represent the sum of ten thousand dollars, who shall hold said amount in trust for the purpose of endowing a Jewish Theological Faculty, which shall be organized under the direction of three or more congregations of this and other places of the West, South and North-west, of which three or more congregations your congregation shall be one, but during the time that said ten thousand dollars are under your care, I, or my dear wife, Fradcha, if she should survive me, shall receive the rate of eight per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually on the aforesaid sum.

As soon as a Jewish Theological Faculty is organized and under the care of a duly-elected Board of Trustees, you or your successors are to pay over to said Board the sum of ten thousand dollars, who shall receive it with the understanding to pay six per cent. interest per annum, payable semi-annually, during my life and the life of my dear wife, Fradcha; after my death or the death of my dear wife, to pay only three per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually; after the death of both me and my dear wife, said ten thousand dollars, and all the interest thereof shall forever belong to said Jewish Theological Faculty and be placed in the sinking fund of said institution, and the interest only be expended for the benefit of said place of learning.

In case the congregations aforesaid should fail to organize the said Jewish Theological Faculty, within three years from date, then said sum of ten thousand dollars should be returned to me; or, in case of my death and the death of my esteemed wife, to my heirs, who are to dispose of said money according to my last testament.

If this trust is agreeable to you, I request your Honorable Board to appoint a committee with full power to execute the proper documents and to receive of me the sum for the purpose and condition afore mentioned.

Hoping that you will favor this communication with an early attention, I am, gentlemen, with great respect,

Yours truly,

HENRY ADLER.

On March 24, 1873, Mr. Moritz Loth addressed the following letter to Mr. Henry Mack, of Cincinnati:

CINCINNATI, March 24, 1873.

Henry Mack, Esq., Chairman of Conference Committee K. K. B. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—Agreeably to the request made by the Congregation of K. K. B. Y., all the congregations of this city have appointed committees with a view of calling a general conference of the congregations of the West, North and South-west, to form a "Union of Congregations," under whose auspices a "Jewish Theological Faculty" is to be established, and also other measures to be adopted that will promote the welfare of our sacred religion, from which a more glorious civilization will spring.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you the names of the gentlemen appointed as the committee, for they are known to the whole country as men of the noblest motives and developed abilities, whose deliberations will, no doubt, inspire confidence and achieve success.

The Congregation Bene Israel will be represented by Messrs. Julius Freiberg, L. Krohn, Philip Heidebach, A. A. Kramer, J. Seasingood, J. Kronacher, L. Levy, M. Hellman, M. Bettmann, J. Ezekiel and P. Moses.

The Congregation K. K. Ahavath Achim will be represented by Messrs. Joel H. Steinberg, Sam Hess, M. Hilb, S. Bauer, I. P. Strauss, Sam Weil, M. Steinfels, Herman Lowenstein, W. Lazarus, Isaac Frankenberg, I. Stickler and Isaac Faller.

The Congregation K. K. Adath Israel will be represented by Rev. Dr. Berg, and Messrs. Louis Harris, M. Haas, Isaac Levy, H. Flohr, B. S. Loventhal, E. Newman, Philip Phillips, N. L. Levinson, A. Davis, Morris Tuch and S. L. Mode.

The Congregation K. K. Sherith Israel will be represented by Messrs. Nathan Moses, B. Benjamin, P. Bamberger, A. Straus, M. Bing, Jr., L. Meiss, A. Bamberger, Joseph Block, M. Bing, Sr. Henry Marks, Henry Straus and H. Weinman.

The Congregation K. K. Bene Yeshurun will be represented by Messrs. Henry Mack, A. Aub, Jacob L. Miller, M. J. Mack, Nathaniel Newburgh, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Stix, Leopold Wise, B. Simon, Max Thurnauer, Gabriel Netter and L. Hollstein.

I respectfully request you to call a meeting of the above committee, to organize and to proceed with the great work before them; and may God, the Creator and the Protector of all that exists, bless their deliberations with the happiest results.

Tendering to the committee the use of the Temple of K. K. Bene Yeshurun as the place of meeting, I am, with distinguished consideration,

Yours truly,

M. LOTH, *President.*

On the following day Mr. Henry Mack answered:

M. Loth, Esq., President, K. K. Bene Yeshurun:

DEAR SIR:—I have the pleasure of your favor of the 24th inst., advising me that all the congregations of this city have, agreeably to the request of our congregation, appointed committees to assemble and take into consideration the issuing of a call to all the congregations of the West, North, and South-west, for the purpose of forming a "Union of Congregations," under whose auspices to establish a Jewish Theological Faculty, and devise other measures for promoting the prosperity of our religion, the most valuable inheritance of our ancestors.

The project is, indeed, a very worthy one, in which every Israelite will gladly co-operate and give a hearty support.

Please instruct the Secretary of our Congregation to notify each member of the committee appointed by the several congregations, to meet the 30th inst., at half-past 7 P. M., at the Temple, corner of Eighth and Plum.

With respectful salutations, I am sincerely, yours truly,

HENRY MACK,

Chairman Conference Committee, K. K. B. Y.

CINCINNATI, March 30, 1873.

In compliance with a request from Mr. Henry Mack, Chairman of the Delegation from K. K. Bene Yeshurun, a meeting of the representatives from Cincinnati Congregations was convened at the vestry-room of the Plum Street Temple at 7 o'clock P. M., when Mr. Julius Freiberg was called to the Chair, and Mr. Lipman Levy was chosen Secretary.

Mr. M. Loth, President of K. K. Bene Yeshurun, being called upon, stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of

taking steps for the Union of the Western, Southern and North-western Jewish Congregations, and the organization of a Jewish Theological Faculty, or Seminary, for the education of Jewish Ministers and Teachers.

After remarks appropriate to the occasion had been made by a number of the representatives, the following letter was read:

CINCINNATI, March 28, 1873.

To the Secretary of K. K. B. Y.:

DEAR SIR:—Your communication is duly received. In answer to the same I will state that we are sorry that we can not attend the first conference meeting on account of our annual general meeting to be held on the same evening.

Yours respectfully,

M. BING, Jr.,

Secretary of K. K. Sherith Israel.

On motion, Mr. M. Loth was unanimously elected a member of this General Committee.

The following preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting were then adopted:

WHEREAS, We, the representatives of K. K. Bene Israel, K. K. Bene Yeshurun, K. K. Ahavath Achim, K. K. Adath Israel, K. K. Sherith Israel, Jewish Congregations of this city, deem it of the highest importance that a Jewish Theological Faculty should be established; therefore,

Resolved, That we favor a call and organization of the congregations of the West, North and South-west for a congregational conference, under whose auspices the Jewish Theological Faculty should be organized.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three from each congregation represented at this meeting be appointed to prepare a call to be issued to the congregations in the West, etc., and report a plan for permanent organization.

A recess of ten minutes was taken, when the following was announced as the committee:

K. K. Bene Israel—M. Hellman, Lipman Levy and A. A. Kramer.

K. K. Bene Yeshurun—M. Loth, Henry Mack and A. Aub.

K. K. Ahavath Achim—J. H. Steinberg, I. P. Strauss and W. Lazarus.

K. K. Adath Israel—L. Harris, E. Newman and Isaac Levy.

K. K. Sherith Israel—B. Benjamin, N. Moses and Moses Bing, Sr.

Mr. M. Loth was appointed Chairman of the Committee of Fifteen.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the *Israelite*.

On motion, it was resolved that the other Jewish congregations of this city be invited to participate in our proceedings and appoint committees to act with us.

A motion that any other Jewish organizations who may desire to participate be invited to send delegates to our next meeting, was referred to the Committee of Fifteen.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

JULIUS FREIBERG. *Chairman.*

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary.*

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, April 15, 1873.

A meeting of the representatives of the Cincinnati Congregations was convened at 7½ P. M., Mr. Julius Freiberg in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee of Fifteen appointed at the last meeting presented the following report, which was received, and, on motion, adopted, viz.:

To the President and Members of the Cincinnati Congregational Conference Committee:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed to draft a call for, and a plan of, organization of the proposed "General Conference," have discharged that duty, and beg leave to submit the following proposed plan of organization, together with the call hereto appended:

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION. (See page 4.)

THE CALL TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF
THE VARIOUS CONGREGATIONS. (SEE PAGE 3.)

Your committee having unanimously adopted the foregoing,

as well as the appended call, and invoking the blessing of God upon the cause so favorably inaugurated, have the honor to be your obedient servants:

M. Loth, Henry Mack, A. Aub, of K. K. B. Y.

Lipman Levy, Adam A. Kramer, M. Hellman, of K. K. B. I.

M. Bing, Sr., Nathan Moses, B. Benjamin, of K. K. S. I.

Joel H. Steinberg, W. Lazarus, I. P. Strauss, of K. K. A. A.

L. Harris, Elijah Newman, Isaac Levy, of K. K. A. I.

On motion, the Committee of Fifteen was instructed to have the call printed and distributed.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

JULIUS FREIBERG, *Chairman*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, May 18, 1873. }

The Executive Committee of Fifteen met at 7½ o'clock p. m., M. Loth in the Chair, thirteen members present.

The Secretary reported that the call had been printed and forwarded to all the congregations whose names and location could be ascertained, about one hundred in number.

On motion, it was ordered that the call be published in the *Israelite* and *Deborah*, if necessary, with the following notice:

CINCINNATI, May 18, 1873.

Owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining the names of the numerous congregations in the West and South, the Committee has been unable to address the call to all whom it was desired to reach. We, therefore, republish it, and trust that each Jewish Congregation from the Alleghanies to the Pacific, and from the Lakes to the Gulf, will consider the call hereunto annexed as if directed to itself, and all those who have not yet done so will respond by electing delegates in accordance therewith, at as early a day as possible.

BY ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman was instructed to have a meeting of the Committee of Sixty called whenever he deem it necessary.

Messrs. Hellman, Moses, Aub and A. A. Kramer were ap-

pointed a committee to inquire as to a suitable hall in which the meetings of the Convention are to be held.

Adjourned.

M. LOTH, *Chairman*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*.

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 10, 1873. }

The Executive Committee met at 7½ o'clock P. M., M. Loth in the Chair, ten members present.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Hall presented a letter from the President of the Allemania Society, offering the use of Melodeon Hall for the Convention at \$12.50 per day. On motion, the proposition was accepted, and the Committee on Hall discharged.

On motion, it was resolved that when this Executive Committee of fifteen adjourns this evening, it shall stand adjourned *sine die*, and that our proceedings be reported to the General Committee of Sixty at a meeting to be held next Tuesday evening.

Adjourned.

M. LOTH, *Chairman*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 17, 1873. }

A meeting of the General Committee was convened at 7½ o'clock P. M.

In the absence of Mr. Julius Freiberg, Mr. M. Loth was called to the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Executive Committee of Fifteen presented the report of their proceedings, which was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The Secretary read a number of letters he had received from various congregations and the names of the delegates thus far elected.

On motion, the Chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of ten to make suitable arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visiting delegates.

The following gentlemen were named as the committee:

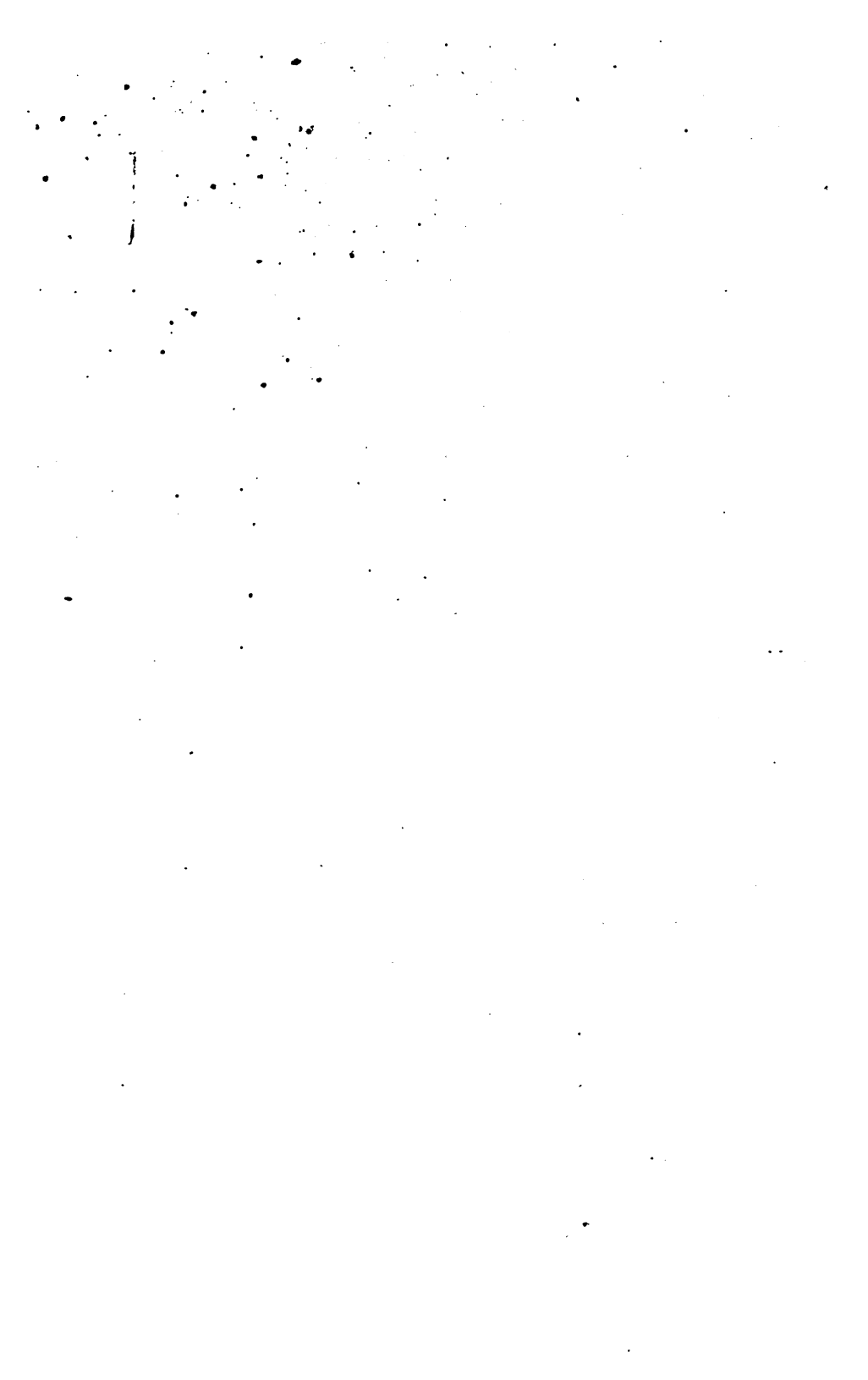
Messrs. M. Bettmann, B. Bettmann, Joel H. Steinberg, E Newman, M. Bing, Jr., Louis Krohn, G. Netter, Samuel Hess, M. Haas and A. Bamberger.

On motion, the Chairman of this meeting was authorized to call a meeting of the Cincinnati Delegates at such time as he might deem expedient.

Adjourned, *sine die*.

M. LOTH, *Chairman, pro tem*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*.





PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

First General Convention,

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Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws,

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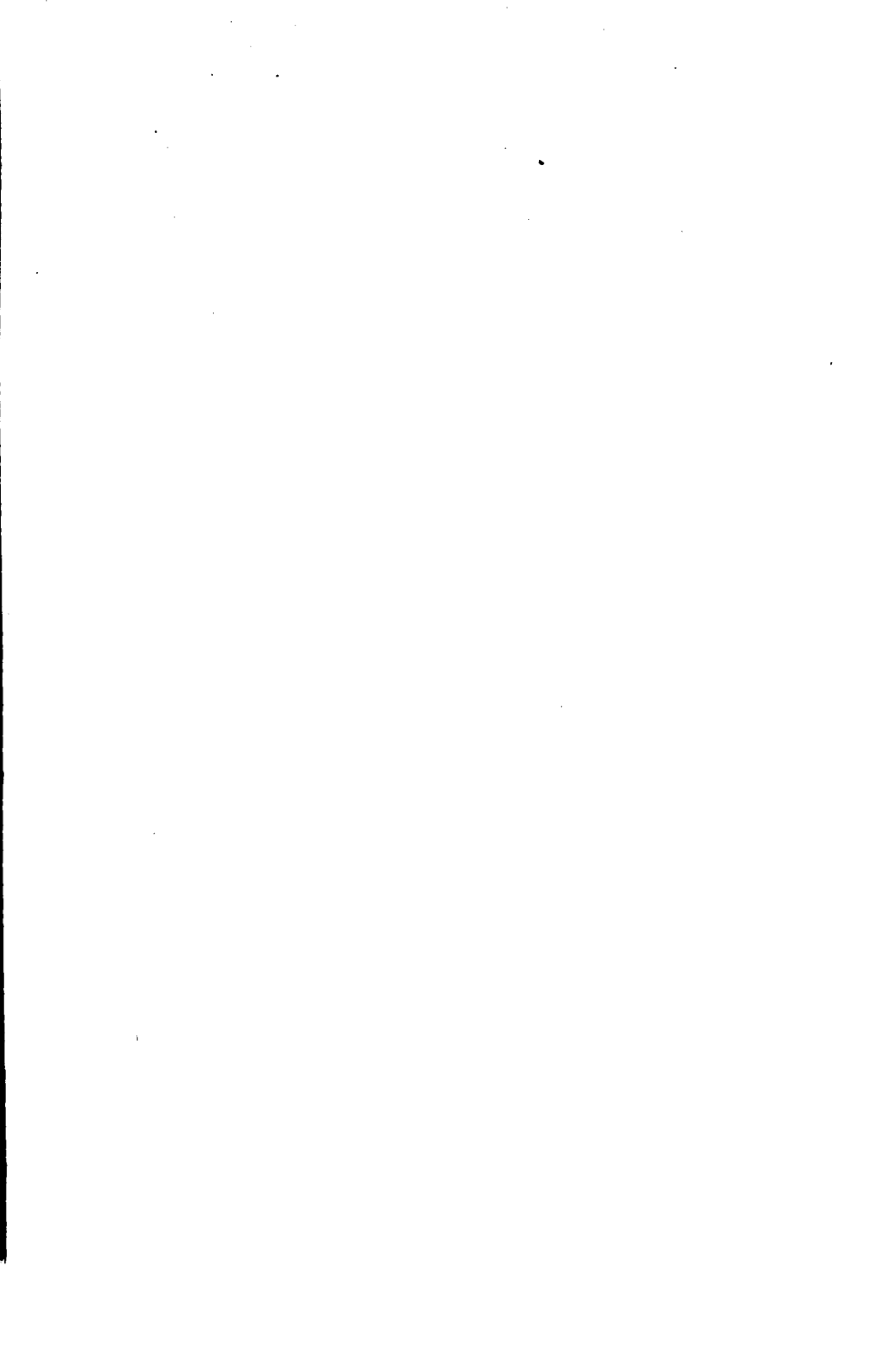
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CALL FOR A CONVENTION.

GENTLEMEN:—For centuries have the Israelites been distinguished as a people who love to be enlightened, and therefore spared no means to promote education, and to keep alive the eternal principles of their religion, and which, in return, has promoted their happiness and prosperity in every clime.

“To be enlightened in and to teach the truth are obligations which we owe, not only to ourselves and to our posterity, but to our progenitors who so bravely and zealously defended our sacred cause, and bequeathed to us a legacy which has alike exalted us and elevated mankind.

“To continue these blessings, however, it is essential to preserve the Jewish identity, and to employ the proper agencies by which the future advocates of our religion shall be educated; and to establish a ‘Jewish Theological Institute’ for that purpose, is conceded to be of the highest importance and necessity.

“The want of such an institution in this country has long been felt; and how we can supply the places of the good men now devoting their time and talents in the interest of our cause when they will be no more, is a question upon which the welfare and permanency of our religion most materially depends.

“Recognizing, therefore, as we have no doubt you do, the necessity of harmonizing upon some action which will supply this great want, in order that some of our youth, conversant with the language of the land, should be educated for the Jewish ministry, and as teachers and expounders of our sacred principles, we, representing all the congregations of this city, have unanimously

Resolved, To issue a call to all the congregations of the West and South for a Congregational Convention to form a 'Union of Congregations,' under whose auspices a 'Jewish Theological Institute' shall be established, and other measures adopted which will advance the prosperity of our religion.

"With this view, we respectfully invite your congregation to be represented in the Congregational Convention, which will convene in this city on the 8th day of July, 1873.

"Each congregation is requested to send two delegates, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five members above twenty-five, and to report at their earliest convenience the names of such delegates to the Secretary, Lipman Levy, 117 West Third Street, Cincinnati, O.

"Trusting that you will accept our invitation, and thus become co-laborers in the good cause, we have the honor to be your obedient servants :

"M. Loth, Henry Mack, A. Aub, B. Bettman, M. J. Mack, Nathaniel Newburg, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Stix, Leopold Wise, B. Simon, Max Thurnauer, Gabriel Netter, L. Holstein, representing Congregation K. K. B'nai Yeshurun.

"Julius Freiberg, L. Krohn, Philip Heidelberg, A. A. Kramer, J. Seasongood, J. Kronacher, L. Levy, M. Hellman, M. Bettman, J. Ezekiel, P. Moses, C. Kahn, jr., representing Congregation K. K. B'nai Israel.

"Joel H. Steinberg, S. Hess, M. Hilb, S. Baur, I. P. Strauss, S. Weil, M. Steinfield, Herm. Lowenstein, W. Lazarus, I. Frankenberg, I. Stickler, Isaac Faller, representing Congregation K. K. Ahabath Achim.

"Rev. Dr. Berg, Louis Harris, M. Hass, Isaac Levy, H. Flohr, B. L. Loventhal, E. Newman, Philip Phillips, N. L. Levinson, A. Davis, Morris Tuch, S. L. Mode, representing Congregation K. K. Adath Israel.

"Henry Adler, Nathan Moses, B. Benjamin, P. Bamberger, A. Straus, M. Bing, jr., L. Meiss, A. Bamberger, Joseph Block, M. Bing, sr., Henry Straus, H. Weineman, representing Congregation K. K. Sherith Israel."

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

"1. That all the congregations of the West and South shall be represented by delegates to the General Convention, as provided in the above call.

"2. That the congregations thus represented shall form themselves

into a 'Union,' under the auspices of which the contemplated 'Jewish Theological Institute' shall be created and maintained.

"3. That thereupon a preamble, constitution, and by-laws shall be adopted by said 'Union,' setting forth its aims and objects, and the mode of carrying out the same, having always pre-eminently in view the establishment of a 'Jewish Theological Institute,' and that this 'Union' shall be styled as the Convention may direct.

"4. Upon the adoption of such preamble, constitution, and by-laws, a Board of officers shall, in pursuance thereof, be elected, who shall secure an incorporation of said 'Union,' in order that they and their successors may properly maintain said 'Jewish Theological Institute,' thus sought to be established.

"5. That the General Convention shall adopt such other measures as its wisdom may deem beneficial to the interests of education, and to the prosperity of the congregations of Israel.

"The manner by which funds necessary to sustain these worthy objects shall be secured, will properly be a subject for the determination of the General Convention, but we have no doubt that in obedience to the proverbial yearning of the Jewish heart to contribute to whatever may promote education, ennoble humanity, or advance any honorable or praiseworthy cause, the heart and hand will be zealous in the good work in view."

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

IN pursuance of the above call a Convention of delegates representing congregations in the West and South, assembled in Cincinnati, at Melodeon Hall, on Tuesday, July 8th, 1873. At ten o'clock A. M., Mr. Lipman Levy called the Convention to order, and on whose motion Mr. Julius Freiberg was unanimously chosen President, pro tem., who, after assuming the chair, and the election of Mr. Lipman Levy as Secretary, pro tem., delivered the following address:

"Gentlemen, delegates to the Jewish Congregational Convention, in the name and behalf of the Israelites of Cincinnati, I bid you all a hearty welcome, and salute you in the words of our illustrious royal songster: 'Blessed be ye all who come in the name of the Lord;' for surely you have come in the name of the Lord, and on a goodly mission, and with a promptness which assures us of our ultimate success. The *shofar* has sounded from hill to hill and from valley to valley, the fires have been kindled on the mountains of Judea, to call

together the faithful, and the heart of Israel is awakened through the West and South of our glorious new 'Land of Promise,' the land of religious liberty.

"We have been called together to exalt the name of Israel, not with drums and cymbals, nor with the harp of a thousand strings, but with good deeds and works of charity and brotherly love; and in the light of your countenances and in the earnestness of your demeanor, I can fairly read the words, 'We are ready.' We have assembled here to form ourselves into a Union of the Jewish Congregations of the West and the South (and we hope the North and East will join with us), for the purpose of diffusing light, knowledge, and the spirit of religion among the Jews of this our adopted country; and for the means to accomplish this aim, we propose to establish a Jewish Theological Seminary, wherein we intend to rear and educate young Jewish preachers, who shall promulgate the religion of our fathers in the language of our country and in the spirit of the age we live in.

"We have been misjudged and misunderstood, our religion misinterpreted long enough. We do not want to make proselytes, because we are one compact family, and scrutinize very closely before we adopt a strange child into it. Besides, my friends, we rejoice in the belief that each and every one can get to the destination generally called heaven in his own way. My friends, it is high time to take the light from under the bushel and reveal it to the world, in order that they may know us—I mean the light of wisdom and understanding, the light of love to all, regardless of creed, the light of God, our Father above, and we, all His children here below, the light of charity and good-will to all; and may our motto always be as it has been in all ages before us, 'Let there be light;' and, as it is said in Holy Writ, when all was darkness and superstition all over Egypt, 'Among the Jews there was light in all their dwellings.'

"We must have men well versed in Jewish theology, thorough Hebrew scholars, and Talmudists of the first class, who shall be able to take our part in the religious controversies the present time is so pregnant with. We must have Hebrew teachers to instruct our children in the language of our fathers, and in the laws which taught our sages of old. 'The study of the law is paramount to everything.'

"The undertaking, my friends, is light; the sacrifices we are called upon to make are small compared with the glorious result we wish and hope to achieve. We have called you here to deliberate and advise with us, and to extend us your kind assistance. Let each and

every one do his share in the great work before us, and give his half-shekel in order that he may be counted in Israel.

“In conclusion, my friends, let me greet you with the salvation of peace with which our ancestors were wont to greet each other at their meetings—*Shalom Alechem*. Peace be with you and among you. May your deliberations be in peace, and when you return to your homes may peace accompany you.”

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committees :

On Credentials—Messrs. J. Rohrheimer, William Kriegshaber, S. Seelig, Lewis Heinsheimer, and F. Ritter.

On Permanent Organization—Messrs. Max Hellman, Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne, Adam A. Kramer, Jacob Rosenberg, and Morris Rosenfield.

On Rules—Messrs. L. N. Dembitz, M. J. Hirschberg, C. Loewenstein, Fred. Eichberg, and H. Bamberger.

The Convention then took a recess of half an hour, to give the committees time in which to prepare their reports.

The half-hour recess having expired, the Convention reassembled, when the Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates as being duly accredited :

ATLANTA, GA.—*Hebrew Benevolent Congregation*—W. Tittlebaum, J. Elsas.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.—*Congregation Rodef Sholem*—A. Schwab, F. Ritter.

QUINCY, ILL.—*Congregation B'nai Scholem*—Herman Hirsch, Isaac Lesem, Wolf Joseph.

COLUMBUS, O.—*Congregation B'nai Israel*—C. Loewenstein, J. M. Schlesinger.

CINCINNATI, O.—*Congregation Sherith Israel*—B. Benjamin, Henry Adler, Nathan Moses, Henry Marks.

CINCINNATI, O.—*Congregation Ahabath Achim*—Joel H. Steinberg, Nathan Wolfstein, Wolf Lazarus.

DAYTON, O.—*Congregation Bene Yeshurun*—Joseph Lebensberger, Sol. Rauh, M. Blau.

CLEVELAND, O.—*Congregation Tifereth Israel*—Joseph Lehman, Jacob Rohrheimer.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—*Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation*—Herman Bamberger, Moses Woolf, Solomon Mossler.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—*Congregation Bnei Moshe*—S. Seelig, I. Rittenberg.

CINCINNATI, O.—*Congregation Bene Israel*—Julius Freiberg, J. Trounstein, Jacob Seasongood, Adam A. Kramer, Solomon Hoffheimer, Lipman Levy, Max Hellman, Jacob Ezekiel, C. Kahn, jr.

CINCINNATI, O.—*Congregation Bene Yeshurun*—Moritz Loth, S. Levi, B. Bettman, Nathaniel Newburgh, Frederick Eichberg, Nathan Stix, Lewis Heinsheimer, Moritz Frohman, Elias Moch, Abraham Aub.

PEORIA, ILL.—*Congregation Anshai Emeth*—Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne, Henry Schwabacher.

NATCHEZ, MISS.—*Congregation Bene Israel*—Rev. Dr. A. Norden, Isaac Loewenberg.

CHARLESTON, W. VA.—*Hebrew Educational Society*—Dr. Daniel Mayer, C. Loeb.

EVANSVILLE, IND.—*Congregation B'nai Israel*—Rev. Dr. Isaac Schwab, Samuel Meyer, Simon Kahn.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—*Congregation Beth Israel*—Lewis N. Dembitz, Rev. Jacob Spitz.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—*Congregation B'nai Israel*—Rev. Jacob Bloch, Hon. M. A. Cohen, Abe Pollock.

HOUSTON, TEXAS—*Congregation Beth Israel*—Adolph Harris.

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—Morris Cohn, Henry Stern.

CHICAGO, ILL.—*Kehilath Anshe Mayriv*—Jacob Rosenberg, Lazarus Silverman.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—*Congregation Adas Joseph*—I. Kahn, S. Kaufman.

PORTSMOUTH, O.—M. Eichelstein, L. Wise.

DETROIT, MICH.—*Congregation Beth El*—D. J. Workum, Simon Heavenrich, Magnus Butzel.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—*Congregation Adas Israel*—N. Bloom, M. Straus, S. Ullman, William Kriegshaber, I. Trager, N. F. Block, W. Rosenberg, M. Rosenfield, A. Sachs.

MEMPHIS, TENN.—*Congregation Children of Israel*—A. E. Frankland, Adolph Loeb, G. H. Judah, B. Washer.

VICKSBURG, MISS.—*Congregation Anshi Chesed*—Rev. A. Norden.

CINCINNATI, O.—*Congregation Adath Israel*—Louis Harris, Elijah Newman, M. Schradzki.

HAMILTON, O.—*Congregation Benai Israel*—Samuel Levy, Jacob Maas.

MADISON, IND.—M. J. Hirschberg.

PERU, IND.—H. E. Sterne.

SHREVEPORT, LA.—*Congregation Zion*—Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise.

GALVESTON, TEXAS.—S. Heidenheimer.

PINE BLUFF, ARK.—*Congregation Anshe Emeth*—Jacob Freiberg.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made their report as follows :

For President—M. Loth, of Cincinnati.

For Vice-Presidents—Henry Adler, Cincinnati ; N. Bloom, Louisville ; L. Silverman, Chicago ; Dr. D. Mayer, Charleston, West Virginia ; H. E. Sterne, Peru, Indiana.

For Secretaries—L. Levy, Cincinnati ; L. N. Dembitz, Louisville.

The report was unanimously adopted, and the officers installed.

Mr. Loth, on taking the chair, addressed the Convention as follows :

“GENTLEMEN :—I thank you for the distinguished honor of calling me to preside over your deliberations. I appreciate the honor so much more as this is the first Hebrew Congregational Convention that has ever assembled in the United States.

“Your numerous presence from all parts of the West and South, in response to the call from the congregations of this city, clearly indicates that the sons of Israel are attached to their religion with the same fervent affections now as their forefathers were, and are as ready to make sacrifices in behalf of religion as their departed sires did.

“When our patriarch, Father Abraham, observed the degrading effect of worshiping idols, he turned his eyes heavenward to worship the Creator and Preserver of the universe—that living God who is supreme wisdom, supreme love, supreme justice, and exalted mercy ; whose incomparable wisdom, love, justice, and grace so grandly fills the whole creation ; and that God said unto Abraham : ‘ I will make of thee a great Nation, and I will bless thee and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’

“With the past before us, we can not help but look with amazing admiration, how completely these promises have been fulfilled. We have not only been a great Nation, whose civil organization is the admiration and serves as a pattern to the whole civilized world, but we have also preserved and bequeathed to mankind a legacy through which all the families of the earth who receive it and observe it in good faith become blessed, and that legacy is the Ten Commandments which our ancestors received from Heaven’s heights.

“None can deny it, that every individual who has been taught and who truly observes the Ten Commandments is blessed ; every family who lives within the spirit of the Ten Commandments is blessed ; and

those communities who consist of such families are blessed with serene confidence, with peace, with a heavenly order, and with a glorious future.

“None can deny it, that those individuals and families who disregard the teachings of the Ten Commandments, are ready to commit acts of extreme selfishness and of corruption, which leads to misery, to dishonor, and often to cruel annihilation.

“If these views are correct, as I verily believe that they are, is it not of the highest importance that we should uphold the Ten Commandments with the same reverence and high esteem as our heroic parents did ; to teach them to our children, to impress them on their minds, to engrave them on their hearts, to expound their priestly beauty in poetical language before the people, to teach them the sublime lessons of Judaism, that every individual is responsible for his sins—*none* can atone for them but *themselves*, through sincere repentance and through multitudes of good deeds ; that it is the duty of all to train themselves to self-restraint, to self-denial, and exertions of noble achievements ; to cultivate the love of God, the love of country, the love of family, the love of friends ; to have faith in human virtue and in human attachment ; to practice all the virtues and to avoid vices ; to be honorable in all the relations of life ; to appeal to God direct for help ; to look to *Him alone* for salvation and everlasting bliss ?

“To impress on the minds and on the hearts these ennobling and endearing principles effectively on the rising generation, we must have teachers and ministers who are conversant with the language of the land, and such teachers and ministers we can only have by educating them, and this can not be done without having a well-appointed Hebrew Theological Institute. To bring such a place of learning into existence is the main business of this convention. How can this be best accomplished ? So much is certain : to make the Hebrew Theological Institute a success, it must be under the care of the congregations, who are to form a ‘Union of Congregations,’ whose Executive Board shall elect a Board of Trustees for the ‘Hebrew Theological Institute,’ which will place that institution under the care of the congregations, who are the most interested party.

“The next in order is how to provide funds for its permanent existence. I would respectfully suggest that every member of each congregation be taxed one dollar per annum, payable quarterly ; that every congregation shall appoint a committee, who shall call on their members, and also on Israelites who are not members, for donations to

the sinking-fund of 'The Hebrew Theological Institute;' also voluntary annual contributions; and as soon as the sum of ten thousand dollars annual income is secured, the Executive Board of the Hebrew Union of Congregations are to open 'The Hebrew Theological Institute,' at such place as they may think the most advantageous.

"I trust that your deliberations will result in a union of all the congregations under whose auspices not only a Hebrew Theological Institute will be established, but also other measures will be adopted which will add to the glory of our religion, and to the welfare of its believers.

"May God shower His blessings upon the great work before us."

The Committee on Rules submitted the following:

1. The Convention shall be governed by the ordinary parliamentary rules, and they shall not be suspended except upon a two-thirds vote.

2. The yeas and nays shall be called on the demand of five delegates, and, for the purpose of taking them, the congregations shall be called as they appear on the official list.

3. The basis of voting shall be as follows: Each delegate present shall have one vote, and, in addition, those present from any congregation not fully represented, shall cast the votes of such absent delegates as are reported on the official list *pro rata*. A delegate appointed by more than one congregation can cast the votes of each.

4. No member shall speak more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than twice on the same subject.

The report was adopted as read.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the chair.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the congregations represented in this Convention, in pursuance of the call issued to them, now form themselves into a "Union" to carry out the purpose in said call named, and that a committee of ten be now appointed by the chair to draft a Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws, as contemplated by the plan of organization appended to said call.

The President appointed the following as the committee:

Adam A. Kramer, Alex. Sachs, L. Silverman, S. Seelig, I. M. Wise, B. Benjamin, I. Kahn, S. Heidenheimer, I. Trager, H. Bamberger.

The following letters were read to the Convention :

“ WABASH, Ind., July 7, 1873.

“ To the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise :

“ DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the congregation of this place, held on account of a call for a Congregational Convention, it was unanimously resolved, as follows :

“ That our sympathies are for the advancement and interest of Judaism, and we will give our aid to forward the cause of Israel, whenever we are called upon to do so. As our congregation is rather small, we are not enabled to send a representative at present.

“ Very respectfully, M. HYMAN, President.

“ J. STAADECKER, Secretary.”

“ PORT GIBSON, Miss., June 4, 1873.

“ Mr. Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, Ohio :

“ SIR—Your notice for the purpose of establishing a Jewish Theological Institute has been received by and read to our Gemilath Chesed Association last meeting, and on finding themselves unable to send a delegate, and your undertaking a good one, greatly needed in this country, the writer and Secretary thereof was instructed to inform you of their willingness to contribute all in their might toward the institution when required.

“ Wishing you all success, we remain yours to command,

“ L. KIEFER, President.

“ P. A. TILCHE, Secretary, *pro tem.*”

“ VICKSBURG, Miss., June 29, 1873.

“ Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, Cincinnati, Ohio :

“ DEAR SIR—At a general congregational meeting, held on last Sunday, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

“ *Resolved*, By the congregation ‘Anshe Chesed,’ of Vicksburg, Mississippi, that it will join the Union of American Jewish Congregations, as devised by the congregations in Cincinnati, and assist in establishing a Jewish College, by contributing for its creation and maintenance, annually, as much as the ability of its members will permit.

“ Since the passage of this resolution, we had the pleasure of meeting Rev. Norden, from Natchez, who is now on his way to attend the Convention to be held in your city, and authorized him to act and

vote on behalf of this congregation in the spirit expressed in the above resolutions.

“ With great respect, and praying for good success, we remain,

“Your obedient servants,

“ B. H. GOTTHELF, Minister.

“ NICHOLAS SCHARFF, Secretary.”

“ COLUMBUS, Georgia, June 25, 1873.

“ Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary Congregational Union, Cincinnati, O. :

“ DEAR SIR—The undersigned have been appointed a committee to acknowledge receipt of circular addressed to congregation B’nai Israel, of this city, and to reply to same in their behalf, as follows :

“ The importance and necessity of the measures proposed in the circular being incontrovertible, this congregation takes pleasure in joining hands with her sister congregations of the West and South, or the whole Union, in any plan, mode, or manner which will most speedily insure an Institute for the training of English-speaking Jewish ministers in this country, as proposed.

“ The want of such an Institute has been felt already too long to admit now of any more flimsy obstacles or minor details ; hence no congregation, society, or individual member of our co-religionists, whether directly represented or not at the proposed Convention, should refuse their support and countenance to the main object, at least to the extent of their ability. With this only proviso, that the cost will not be too onerous on this congregation, she will cheerfully abide by and fully sustain the action of the august body which will convene in your city on the 8th of next month. Our recent heavy expenditures in rebuilding our synagogue and engaging a minister, prevent the incurring of the expense of sending a delegate at this time.

“ Trusting, however, in a successful issue in this matter, we have the honor to be yours, most obedient,

“ J. KURNIKER, Chairman.

“ B. JACKSON,

“ L. MEYER,

“ S. KAUL,

“ H. LANDAUER,

“Committee.

“Attest: JOSEPH HECHT, Secretary.”

“ LACROSSE, Wis., June 11, 1873.

“ Mr. Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, Ohio :

“ DEAR SIR—Your circular, inviting our congregation to send delegates to your city for the purpose of representing our congregation in the Convention on the 8th proximo, has been received.

“ At a meeting held on the 8th inst., it was resolved that we sympathize for so noble a cause as to establish a ‘ Jewish Theological Institute,’ and that we will contribute toward it what is in our might.

“ Our congregation being small, and none able to be absent at present, it is impossible for us to send anybody. Our heart, however, is with the cause.

“ Wishing you success in so noble and laudable an undertaking, I remain, with great respect,

“ Yours truly, MORITZ GUTMAN,
“ Secretary Anshe Chesed Congregation.”

A number of other letters from congregations and individuals were referred to the Committee on Constitution without reading.

Mr. M. J. Hirschberg offered the following :

Resolved, That the Union of Congregations proposed by the call under which this Convention has assembled, is intended solely for the purpose of establishing a Theological Seminary, and is in no wise to be construed into the formation of a synod for the fixing of religious principles or the government of the several congregations.

After considerable debate, in which it was urged that no threat had been made of interference with the principles or government of the several congregations, and that therefore no such disavowal was necessary, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The Committee on Constitution reported a preamble, which was on motion laid over until to-morrow morning.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 1873.

The Convention reassembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., President M. Loth in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

A request from the Committee to withdraw the preamble reported by them to the Convention on Tuesday afternoon, in order that they may report the same with a full draft for a constitution and by-laws, was granted.

On motion of Mr. Bettman it was resolved, that delegates leaving the Convention may give their proxies, with power of substitution ;

whereupon Rev. A. Norden gave his proxy for the Natchez and Vicksburg congregations to Mr. Wm. Kriegshaber, who transferred it to Mr. J. Rohrheimer, and Mr. S. Heidenheimer gave his proxy for the Galveston congregation to Mr. Julius Freiberg, who transferred it to Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, it was resolved by a vote of forty-two to ten, that Rule No. 3, adopted yesterday, be so amended as to allow delegates, either by themselves or proxies, to cast as many votes as their congregations would have been entitled to under the call.

The roll of the congregations was then called, each congregation giving its number of members, and the President and Secretary assigned the vote to each as follows :

Place.	Congregation.	No. of Members.	No. of Votes.
Youngstown, Ohio,	Rodef Sholem,	27	2
Columbus, Ohio,	B'nai Israel,	48	2
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Sherith Israel,	80	4
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Ahabath Achim,	66	3
Dayton, Ohio,	Bene Yeshurun,	50	3
Cleveland, Ohio,	Tifereth Israel,	85	4
Indianapolis, Indiana,	Indianapolis Hebrew,	54	3
Evansville, Indiana,	Bene Moshe,	27	2
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Bene Israel,	185	8
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Bene Yeshurun,	200	9
Peoria, Illinois,	Anshai Emeth,	27	2
Natchez, Mississippi,	B'nai Israel,		2
Vicksburg, Mississippi,	Anshe Chesed,	76	4
Charleston, W. Va.,	Hebrew Educational Society,	22	2
Evansville, Indiana,	B'nai Israel,	82	4
Louisville, Kentucky,	Beth Israel,	55	3
Chicago, Illinois,	Anshe Mayriv,	125	6
St. Joseph, Missouri,	Adas Joseph,	52	3
Portsmouth, Ohio,		21	2
Louisville, Kentucky,	Adas Israel,	200	9
Cincinnati, Ohio,	Adath Israel,	53	3
Hamilton, Ohio,	B'nai Israel,	14	2
Madison, Indiana,		22	2
Shreveport, Louisiana,	Zion,	50	3
Galveston, Texas,		75	4
Memphis, Tennessee,	Children of Israel,	110	5
Pine Bluff, Arkansas,	Anshe Emeth,	45	2
Peru, Indiana,		14	2

The Committee on Constitution submitted a preamble and Constitution.

The draft of the Constitution was then read and the report received.

On motion, the several sections were taken up *seriatim* for consideration, it having been decided to leave the preamble for final discussion.

Without concluding, the Convention at 12 o'clock adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., President M. Loth in the chair.

The following telegrams were read to the Convention :

“QUINCY, Illinois, July 9, 1873.

“Prevented from coming on account of some unforeseen accident. You can nevertheless rely upon our hearty co-operation in your laudable enterprise.
ISAAC LESEM.”

“PEORIA, Illinois, July 8, 1873.

“For the erection of a Hebrew College here we offer one block of valuable ground on the Bluff, and liberal subscriptions from our citizens.
HENRY SCHWABACHER,

“SAMUEL WOOLNER,

“HENRY ULMAN,

“Committee.”

The following letters were also read :

“DETROIT, July 8, 1873.

“Lipman Levy, Esq. :

“DEAR SIR—I feel extremely sorry that circumstances prevented our delegates to attend the first Conference for a ‘Union of Congregations’ in your city. However, as we are not with you in body we are with you in spirit, and you may give the Conference the assurance that Beth El Congregation of Detroit will be no drawback to any organization, but will work hand in hand with the other congregations, and assist in establishing the long-needed college. May we be crowned with success in the undertaking, is the wish of

“Yours truly, SIMON HEAVENRICH,

“President of Congregation Beth El.

“NEW YORK, July 5, 1873.

“ISAAC M. WISE, Esq., Cincinnati:

“REV. SIR—When in your city last week, I stated to you that I

hold credentials from our Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Texas, as a delegate to the Congregational Convention to be held in your city July 8, and that I would attend the same, but I regret to state that I have not been well for several days, and thereby prevented to attend. Will you be kind enough to state this to the Chairman of your meeting, with the assurance that the members of our congregation desire to interest themselves in establishing the Hebrew College and do all in their power, believing it to be of great importance. Would it be too much asked of you to send me a copy of the proceedings of the Convention, so that I may be able to lay the matter before the congregation on my return home? I assure you that it would have given me great pleasure to attend the Convention in person, but hoping to be able to help it hereafter, I am

“Yours, very truly, ADOLPH HARRIS,
 “Of Houston, Texas.”

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the provisions of the Constitution, which at 3 o'clock P. M. was unanimously adopted, to read as follows: (See page 22.)

The Convention then accepted an invitation for a ride in the suburbs, and a collation at Inwood Park, tendered by the Israelites of Cincinnati, through the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, M. Bettman, Esq., and, for that purpose, adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, July 10, 1873.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. President M. Loth in the chair. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following resolutions were presented, and on motion were referred to the Committee on By-Laws:

By Mr. Jacob Ezekiel.

WHEREAS, This Convention having met for the purpose of forming a union of congregations of the South and West, for the object of establishing a Jewish Theological Institute for the purpose of educating young men for Jewish ministers and teachers, and to advance the prosperity of the Jewish religion in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Such objects can not be properly attained while any sectional barrier is interposed between the congregations located in various parts of the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is the desire of this Convention, in order to carry out the laudable objects for which it has been assembled (in accordance

with the call issued by the congregations of Cincinnati), by removing all such sectional or geographical distinctions in order that our sister congregations throughout the United States may participate in this movement ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in order to carry out more fully the objects of this Convention, we, the delegates representing the various congregations of the South and West in convention assembled, do hereby cordially request our sister congregations throughout the United States, to co-operate with us for the purpose of forming a more perfect union of congregations, with a view to the formation of a Jewish Theological Institute, and to promote such other objects that may tend to elevate and further advance the prosperity of our sacred religion.

Resolved, That all the Hebrew Congregations in every part of the United States and its Territories be invited to join "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations," for the purpose set forth in the Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws adopted by this Convention.

Resolved, That the Executive Board shall have the proceedings of this Convention, the Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws, published in pamphlet form, and to transmit the same with an invitation to said congregations to join the "Union."

Resolved, That said invitation be signed by all the members of the Executive Board in the name and in behalf of the Convention.

By Mr. C. Loewenstein.

Resolved, That the Convention now proceed to elect the Executive Board, which Board of Trustees shall hold office until the next regular session of the first Council, and until another Board of Trustees shall have been duly elected. The Board so elected shall, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, proceed to organize itself by the electing of officers and the adopting of proper by-laws in addition to and not in conflict with those adopted, which by-laws shall continue in force until other by-laws shall have been provided and adopted by the next Council. All resolutions adopted by this Convention shall, if required, be referred to said Board of Trustees, to be carried out by said Board.

By Mr. Charles Kahn, jr.

Resolved, Whenever a law is drawn up for the establishment and government of the Hebrew Theological College under this Union, it shall give the right of membership and participation in the government of the said College, to Israelites or Hebrew Societies as such, who are desirous of contributing, under the rules and regulations of the Council.

Dr. D. Mayer presented the following letter, which was read, and on motion, the thanks of the Convention were ordered to be tendered to Mr. Walker for his kind offer :

“ CHARLESTON, W. Va., July, 1873.

“ Dr. D. Mayer, Delegate to Cincinnati Convention :

“ DEAR SIR—Please announce to the Convention that I will give ten acres of land in the city of Charleston (West End), the capital of West Virginia, for a site for the erection of a College.

“ Respectfully,

“ J. B. WALKER.”

On motion, it was ordered that the letter be referred to the Executive Board.

The Committee reported the following Preamble and By-Laws, all of which were adopted, to read as follows : (See page 22.)

The Committee reported in favor of the adoption of the resolutions offered by Mr. Ezekiel and Mr. Loewenstein, and to refer that of Mr. Charles Kahn, jr., to the Executive Board. On motion, the reports were received and adopted, and the Committee discharged with the thanks of the Convention, for the able manner in which they had performed their arduous duties.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Adam A. Kramer, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws adopted by this Convention be and the same are hereby declared in full force and effect from this date.

Mr. M. J. Hirschberg offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Board shall be empowered to expend a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars out of any money that may come into their hands to defray current expenses, and report to the Council in July, 1874.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise offered the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Board, whenever organized, shall obtain a seal and a charter for “ The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,” under the laws of the State of Ohio.

Mr. N. F. Block offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and hereby tendered to President, Secretaries, and all other officers connected with the proceedings of this Convention, for the efficiency and industry displayed during the session.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Press of Cincinnati for their kind attention and the able manner in which they have reported the proceedings of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise offered a motion, which was adopted, that a Committee of three be appointed to report forthwith nominations for the Executive Board. The Committee, which consisted of Messrs. Wise, Frankland, and Rohrheimer, retired, and on their return reported the following, who were unanimously elected :

B. Bettman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Max Hellman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Adam A. Kramer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Nathan Moses, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Henry Mack, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Solomon Levi, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Henry Stix, Cincinnati, Ohio.
M. Loth, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Joel H. Steinberg, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Sigmund Mann, Cleveland, Ohio.
A. E. Frankland, Memphis, Tennessee.
N. Bloom, Louisville, Kentucky.
Lewis N. Dembitz, Louisville, Kentucky.
N. F. Block, Louisville, Kentucky.
H. Bamberger, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Lazarus Silverman, Chicago, Illinois.
Jacob Rosenberg, Chicago, Illinois.
Samuel Meyer, Evansville, Indiana.

Mr. Bettman offered the following :

WHEREAS, Henry Adler, Esq., has, at an early date, proved his devotion for the cause for which we have assembled, by depositing ten thousand dollars for the sinking-fund of the Hebrew Theological College ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby unani-
mously tendered to Mr. Henry Adler, with our sincere wish that he
may live to see, himself, the fruits of his generous donation.

Adopted unanimously.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was instructed to answer it :

“ VESTRY-ROOM, CONGREGATION TEMPLE ‘ BETH ZION ’, }
“ BUFFALO, New York, July 6, 1873. }

“ To the President and Delegates of Congregational Convention :

“ GENTLEMEN—At a regular monthly meeting of the Board of

Trustees of our Congregation, held this day, a resolution was adopted, tendering to your Convention their heartfelt well-wishes in the project for which you are about to assemble in Cincinnati. Although not present to participate in your deliberations, we nevertheless express to you the deep interest which we feel in the establishing of a Jewish College in this country, and sincerely hope that your Convention may succeed in this good work. I have the honor to remain

“Respectfully, SIEGMUND LEVYN,
“Secretary Congregation ‘Temple Beth Zion.’”

On motion it was ordered that the session of the Council for 1874 be held in Cleveland.

Mr. Lewis Heinsheimer offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the delegates to this Convention be requested to use all honorable means in their power to induce their respective congregations to ratify the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by this Convention, within ninety days, to the end that the various ways and means may be devised without delay, to raise the necessary funds for the furtherance of the objects to be attained, and to see that each congregation appoint canvassing committees.

Dr. D. Mayer made a donation of one hundred acres of timber and mineral land in Boone County, West Virginia, to the Theological Institute, for which the thanks of the Convention were tendered him.

Resolutions of thanks on the part of non-resident delegates for the entertainment by the Cincinnati congregations were adopted.

The proceedings were then closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wise, whereupon the Convention adjourned *sine die*.



M. LOTH, President.

LIPMAN LEVY,	} Secretaries.
LEWIS N. DEMBITZ,	

PREAMBLE, Constitution, and By-Laws, OF THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

PREAMBLE.

The congregations represented in this Convention, in faithful attachment to the sublime principles of Judaism, and in consciousness of Israel's sacred duties, feel impressed with the conviction that in order to discharge these obligations beneficially, a closer union of the congregations is necessary. To this end, under the protection of benign Providence and the laws of our country, we hereby establish this sacred covenant of the American Israelites, as set forth in the following :

CONSTITUTION.

NAME.

Article I.—The body hereby constituted and established shall be known as “The Union of American Hebrew Congregations.”

OBJECT.

Article II.—It is the primary object of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to establish a Hebrew Theological Institute—to preserve Judaism intact; to bequeath it in its purity and sublimity to posterity—to Israel united and fraternized; to establish, sustain, and govern a seat of learning for Jewish religion

and literature ; to provide for and advance the standard of Sabbath-schools for the instruction of the young in Israel's religion and history, and the Hebrew language ; to aid and encourage young congregations by such material and spiritual support as may be at the command of the Union ; and to provide, sustain, and manage such other institutions which the common welfare and progress of Judaism shall require—*without, however, interfering in any manner whatsoever with the affairs and management of any congregation.*

MEMBERSHIP.

Article III.—Any Hebrew congregation of the United States, lawfully organized, may become a member of "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations" by its official declaration of the following obligations ; to wit : To be represented in the annual meetings of the representative and legislative body of this Union, as provided hereinafter ; to contribute annually to the treasury of this Union one dollar for each of its contributing members—provided, however, that each congregation may raise this contribution according to its own rules and regulations.

SUSPENSION.

Article IV.—Any congregation being a member of this Union, on failing for two successive years to fulfill the obligations stated in Article III, shall be declared suspended from this Union ; to be reinstated upon payment of arrears, and by a majority of votes of the representative and legislative body of this Union, in its annual session.

COUNCIL.

Article V.—The representative and legislative body of this Union shall be styled "The Council."

REPRESENTATIVES.

Article VI.—The Council shall be composed of the representatives of the congregations, being members of this Union, to be elected by them annually, according to their respective laws of electing officers or filling vacancies.

NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Article VII.—Each congregation shall elect and be entitled to one representative to the Council, and one additional for every twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Article VIII.—The Directors and honorary officers of any establishment under the government and control of this Union, shall be honorary members of the Council, but honorary members shall not be entitled to vote unless they are representatives.

MEETINGS.

Article IX.—The Council shall meet on the second Tuesday in July, 1874, and annually thereafter, on the same day, at the place designated in the last meeting of that body, of which time and place the congregations shall be duly notified.

THE POWER OF THE COUNCIL.

Article X.—The Council is the highest authority of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to govern its institutions and property; to elect or appoint and remove all officers of this Union and its institutions.

OFFICERS.

Article XI.—The Council shall elect at its annual meeting, from its own members, a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and before its adjournment shall elect by ballot twenty members, to be styled the Executive Board, ten of whom shall serve one year and ten two years, and annually thereafter ten new members shall be elected in the same manner to supply the places of the retiring members. They shall be elected by the cumulative system, that is, each voter may give the whole or any part of his ten votes to one or more candidates at his option. At the first election, the Board shall be elected in two parts of ten each.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Article XII.—The said Executive Board shall annually, upon the adjournment of the Council, organize and elect its officers, consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and shall take charge of the funds and property of this Union, and shall carry out all the measures adopted by the Council. All funds coming into the charge of the Executive Board above the sum of one thousand dollars, shall be converted into securities of the Government of the United States, and the same shall thereupon be deposited in the name of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with a lawfully-chartered Safe Deposit Company.

FUNDS.

Article XIII.—All donations, legacies, and bequests granted to the Hebrew Theological Institute, shall pass to the Sinking-Fund, and all other income from whatever source derived shall be constituted a General Fund, to be controlled by the Council and expended for the purchase of a Library, and for such other purposes as the same may direct.

THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Article XIV.—The funds, as deposited by provision of the preceding article, shall remain intact until the same shall amount to sixty thousand dollars, when the income arising therefrom shall be employed by the Executive Board for the establishment and maintenance of the Hebrew Theological Institute, and whenever the funds shall amount to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, one hundred thousand thereof shall be placed to the credit of the Council, who shall employ the same for the erection or purchase of a College edifice, if necessary—provided, however, that the said sixty thousand dollars shall forever remain intact as a sinking fund, the income of which to be used as above provided.

MORTGAGES.

Article XV.—The College grounds and appurtenances shall never be mortgaged for any purpose whatsoever, or anywise encumbered.

AMENDMENTS.

Article XVI.—The provisions of this Constitution shall not be repealed, altered, or amended, unless such change shall be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council, whereupon, if passed by the Council at its annual meeting, by three-fourths of its members, and ratified within the ensuing year, the same shall become a law.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.—The President shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Board, and in his absence the Vice-President shall assume that duty, and in the absence of both, the Board shall elect a President *pro tem*.

Article II.—The Secretary of the Executive Board shall keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the same, and attend to all the correspondence; receive all money coming into the possession of the Board, and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer within five days thereafter, and shall give bonds with two sureties to the satisfaction of the Executive Board.

Article III.—The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall receive from the Secretary all money collected by him, and shall safely keep the same, subject to the order of the Board, and shall give bond with sureties, to the satisfaction of the same.

Article IV.—The Executive Board shall meet regularly on the second Sunday of every alternate month, in the city of Cincinnati, for the transaction of business, and seven of its members shall constitute a quorum. It shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in the Board, and the President may call such special meetings as he may deem necessary.

Article V.—The Executive Board is empowered to appoint committees from its own members as well as other persons, to further the interests of the Union and the Theological Institute, to collect funds, and solicit such other support as may advance the objects of the Union.

Executive Board For 1873-74.

Moritz Loth,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	<i>President.</i>
Julius Freiberg,	“ “	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Lipman Levy,	“ “	<i>Secretary.</i>
Max Hellman,	“ “	<i>Treasurer.</i>
B. Bettman,	“ “	
Adam A. Kramer,	“ “	
Nathan Moses,	“ “	
Henry Mack,	“ “	
Solomon Levi,	“ “	
Henry Stix,	“ “	
Joel H. Steinberg,	“ “	
Sigmund Mann,	Cleveland, Ohio.	
A. E. Frankland,	Memphis, Tennessee.	
N. Bloom,	Louisville, Kentucky.	
Lewis N. Dembitz,	“ “	
N. F. Block,	“ “	
H. Bamberger,	Indianapolis, Indiana.	
Lazarus Silverman,	Chicago, Illinois.	
Jacob Rosenberg,	“ “	
Samuel Meyer,	Evansville, Indiana.	

The first session of the Council will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 14th, 1874.

THE UNION OF
American Hebrew Congregations.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
COUNCIL.

Held at Cleveland, Ohio, July, 1874-1874.

TUESDAY, July 14, 1874.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at Turner Hall, and at 2 o'clock P. M. was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Jacob Mayer, of Cleveland, Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Julius Freiberg, Mr. Sigmund Mann was elected temporary chairman, who assumed the chair and delivered the following address :

"Gentlemen, Delegates to the Council.—Honored, as I feel, in being nominated temporary chairman of this Convention, I regret that you have not chosen, as your presiding officer, one more competent of doing justice to this noble cause than myself. But as you have seen fit to make allowance for my defects, and be satisfied with my humble capacity, I thank you for this mark of esteem. Be assured, although not able to express my thoughts in eloquent language, they are, nevertheless, as heartfelt meant. That this undertaking may be a successful one, is my sincere wish. In behalf of my congregation, Tifereth Israel, of this city, and in behalf of our sister congregation, Anshe Chesed, which, I am pleased to state, has lately joined our Union, I offer you all a hearty and cordial welcome to our Forest City—famed, among other things, for its conventions, and where a similar Convention, held nineteen years ago, failed to achieve its object. But that Convention consisted of rabbis only. To-day the practical business men of this land are here assembled.

"Gentlemen, may you be pleased with our city; may your stay among us leave pleasant and happy remembrances, and may you indeed feel you are among friends.

"The Convention assembled some twelve months ago in Cincinnati, began and laid the foundation of a noble work, which will, with God's blessings, insure its fulfillment and success. The Hebrew Theological College must and shall be established; an institution where our own sons may qualify themselves for the ministry, to become the teachers and wise men among their people. That such an institution is a necessity no one will for a moment question; that it is just as necessary to feed the mind as well as the body all will agree, and in such a manner to educate the coming generation in a language they understand and which is their own. The time is not far distant when our pulpits will be filled with American-born rabbis—men who will be masters of the language of their own country—and the effects of their teaching will not only be felt upon our own children but upon the outside world as well.

"The difficulty experienced now in obtaining rabbis from abroad will be done away with. No one will doubt that the men who were actuated in the establishment of that noble institution, that glory of our people, the Jewish Orphan Asylum in this city, will not falter to

create this much-needed place of learning, and that our very Orphan Asylum will furnish some of the young men, to educate and prepare them for a truly intellectual life, and they in their turn will be a benefit and a blessing to mankind.

"My friends, I may be intruding too long upon your time and attention, for there are many others capable of advancing this cause far better than I can myself, and so as not to lose time I will cease; but still once more let me impress upon your minds how very necessary to the strength of Judaism in this country and to the further enlightenment of the coming generation is the organization of this proposed institute.

"Again, gentlemen, kindly thanking you for this honor and kind attention, we will proceed to business."

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, Mr. Siegmund Levyn, of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected temporary secretary.

The Chair appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Lipman Levy, William Kriegshaber, S. Newmark, Moses Lamley, and Henry Marks.

A motion to appoint a Committee on Permanent Organization was lost by a vote of 20 ayes to 30 noes.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Max Lillienthal, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was invited to address the Council. At the conclusion of his remarks, Josiah Cohen, Esq., of Pittsburgh, Pa., being called for addressed the Council.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council:

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Henry Lowenstein, Mannes Hilb.
2. Bene Israel,	Evansville, Ind.,	Samuel Meyer, Aaron Bamberger.
3. Bene Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	L. Rosenfeld, Scslomon Levi, Abraham Aub, Moritz Loth, B. Bettman,

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
3. Bene Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Ben May, Henry Mack, Emil Kahn.
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ills.,	Isaac Lesem, Samuel Jonas.
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio,	Philip Klopfer.
6. Ohev Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio,	Abraham Bruckman.
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Henry Marks, Alex. Straus, Henry Adler.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	A. Schwab.
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Max Hellman, Adam A. Kramer, Julius Freiberg, Moritz Bettman, Philip Heidelberg, Jacob Ezekiel, Chas. Kahn, Jr.
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.,	A. E. Frankland, Rev. M. Samfield, Joseph Abraham.
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	William Kriegshaber, Th. David, Nathan Bloom, S. Ullman.
12. Indianapolis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	H. Bamberger, H. Rosenthal.
13. Beth El,	Detroit, Mich.,	Simon Heavenrich, D. J. Workum, Magnus Butzel.
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	Lewis N. Dembitz, Adolph Woolner.
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.	
16. Bnai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.,	Sigmund Mann.
17. Bnai Israel,	Little Rock, Ark.,	Rev. Jacob Bloch.
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.,	Simon Kahn.
19. Chev. Gemilas Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.	Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
20. Tifereth Israel,	Cleveland, Ohio,	A. Schwartz, Joseph Lehman, Sol. Sloss.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.	
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio,	Rev. A. Wendel.
23. Bnai Yeshurun,	Nashville, Tenn.	
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio,	Joseph Gundersheimer.
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	Rev. Dr. Jacob Mayer.
27. Heb. Ed. Society,	Charleston, W. Va.,	Dr. D. Mayer.
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph, Mo.,	Fred Baerman.
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	Lipman Levy, Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.,	Nathan Moses.
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio,	H. Baer.
32. Bnai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.,	B. A. Feineman.
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wisc.	
34. Meadville Heb. Soc.,	Meadville, Pa.,	Morris H. Reefer.
35. Anshai Emeth,	Peoria, Ills.,	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.
36. Bnai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.	
37. Kehilath Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ills.	Jacob Rosenberg, Lazarus Silverman.
38. Bnai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.	
39. Hebrew Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.	
40. Renai Yeshurin,	Des Moines, Iowa.	
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.,	Herman E. Sterne.
42. Emanuel,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Julius Houseman.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.	
44. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ga.	M. Hirshberg.
45. Hebrew Zion,	Shreveport, La.,	Simon Levy, Jr.
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Siegmund Levyn, Leopold Keiser.
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Emanuel Wertheimer, Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer.
48. Bnai El,	St. Louis Mo.,	Isaac Baer, Samson Korper, Joseph Lobner,

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAME OF DELEGATES.
48. Bnai El,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.,	Marx S. Mayer.
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio,	Samuel Levy.
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio,	Joseph Lehman.
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Moses Lamley, Rev. E. Rubin.
53. Anshe Chesed,	Cleveland, Ohio,	Nathan New, Rev. Dr. M. Tintner, Abraham Strauss, S. Newmark, I. Reinthal.
54. Bene Israel,	Kalamazoo, Mich.,	Moses Halle.
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Texas.	

Respectfully submitted.

LIPMAN LEVY,
S. NEWMARK,
WM. KRIEGSHABER,
HENRY MARKS,
M. LAMLEY.

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that Mr. David Adler be allowed a seat in the Council as the representative from Congregation Emanuel, of Milwaukee, Wis.

An invitation was accepted from the Trustees of the Jewish Orphan Asylum, to attend a picnic this evening.

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committee on Permanent Organization: Messrs. B. A. Feineman, Henry Adler, Solomon Sloss, Leopold Rosenfeld, and Philip Klopfer.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise moved that Mr. Emil Pollack be recognized as the representative of Congregation Beth El, of San Antonio, Texas; he having designated Mr. Pollack as his proxy to represent that congregation. After debate, it was resolved to lay the motion on the table until after the permanent organization shall have been effected.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following report:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee on Permanent Organization beg leave to offer the following report :

They recommend, for permanent President, Mr. Moritz Loth, of Cincinnati, Ohio ; for Vice-President, Mr. H. E. Sterne, of Peru, Ind.; for Secretary, Mr. Lipman Levy, of Cincinnati, Ohio; for Assistant Secretary, Mr. Siegmund Levyn, of Buffalo, N. Y.

Respectfully submitted.

B. A. FEINEMAN, Chairman.
SOL SLOSS,
L. ROSENFELD,
HENRY ADLER,
PHILIP KLOPPER.

On motion, the report was received, and the gentlemen named therein were then unanimously elected to the respective offices.

On motion, the Chair appointed Mr. Josiah Cohen and Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise a committee to conduct the president-elect to the chair.

The permanent officers were then introduced and installed.

The President, on assuming the chair, delivered the following address :

“ REPRESENTATIVES,—Accept my thanks for the great honor you have conferred upon me, by calling me to the chair on this auspicious occasion—the first annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. This is indeed an event in the history of the Israelites—an event which will inaugurate a new epoch in the progress of Judaism, and the progress of Judaism embraces and gives an impetus to the progress of humanity at large; for every civilized nation has to a large extent incorporated with their constitution the Mosaic laws and ordinances, because the test of ages proved them to be the production of the ripest wisdom, just and equitable.

“ Not only have the Mosaic laws and ordinances been extensively incorporated with the constitution of states and nations, but also the Bible, called the Old Testament, has been accepted by hosts of nations as the basis of their religious belief.

“ Alas, the imperfect translation of the Hebrew Bible, the errone-

ous construction of passages, and even sentences, have caused to humanity uncountable miseries, dissensions, bloodshed, disunions, prejudice, and hate, which has and is hindering the happiness of mankind !

“ It is, therefore, of the utmost importance to have the Mosaic laws, ordinances, and the Old Testament in general, comprehensively expounded and clearly understood.

“ It is gratifying to every lover of humanity and enlightened progress, that the first grand step has been made toward having our religion brought before the people in its true majesty—a creed and a fact which, in their union, will bring light where now darkness prevails; which will bring peace where now discord exists; which will supplant hate with perennial love.

“ Representatives! This is a glorious day in Israel, when we see so many thousands of our brethren united and determined to advance and to perpetuate our blessed religion by establishing a ‘ Hebrew Theological Institute,’ in which we hope to educate rabbis whose wisdom and eloquence will illuminate both hemispheres, and call the children of men back from the growing, grasping spirit which leads to selfishness, discontent, and misery.

“ To live a happy and useful life, the ideal part of man must be developed to the utmost extent, and none can assist men in that development so well as our spiritual guides. It is their privilege to appeal to our better nature, and to point out to us the poetical charms of an elevated life. To do this, however, effectually, they must be themselves men of exemplary purity, wisdom, and eloquence; such men require a special training, and to educate such men is one of the foremost duties of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

“ For the purpose of carrying out these objects and such other measures as you may deem necessary and proper, I request your kind indulgence and assistance to enable me to discharge my duties as your presiding officer; and again thanking you for the conferred honor, I declare the Council now ready for business.”

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Sigmund Mann for the able manner in which he had presided over the Council while temporary chairman.

The reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Executive Board were presented to the Council in printed form :

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations
in Council Assembled.*

GENTLEMEN,—Among the numerous blessings which civilization brings to the children of men, none is more beneficent than that of union, for in union is indeed strength, as it is the offspring of peace and good-will, and it is primarily through peace and good-will that human nature is at once refined, exalted, and ennobled. It is this benevolent calm, that in its fullness would make of this world an earthly paradise, worthy of the grace and favor of that Supreme Being who fills the universe with His blessings.

Thanks to our Heavenly Father for that grace, that He has planted in the nature of men the longing for peace and good-will. It is a spiritual plant, which can only grow and bring forth its fruit when reason is permitted to rule with serene calmness; when fanaticism and turbulence are kept at bay; and thus to reason and thus to combat the foes of real freedom and the enemies of the progress of humanity has for ages been the mission of the children of Israel.

To fulfill that mission we have been dispersed among all nations, and have heroically upheld our principles, which, notwithstanding our imperfect organization in the past and by-gone tyranny and oppression, have to a very large extent triumphed among the most enlightened nations.

If this view is correct; if it is Israel's mission to teach mankind first to reason and then to believe; to have one law for all, the native and stranger alike; to repudiate fanaticism and scorn oppression, and to be firm in the faith that there is no King save HIM who is the King of all—if this is indeed Israel's mission (and assuredly it is), have we done our duty? have we done all we could to fulfill that great mission, and spread abroad that beneficent light, which makes man feel that we are of one common brotherhood, and that which benefits one, benefits the other; that which injures one, injures also the other; and that it is

our duty, our most solemn duty, to live peaceably and assist each other in the onward march to perfection, and the nearer we approach perfection the more complete is our happiness?

Representatives of American Israelites, it is my sad duty to say thus publicly, that the Israelites have heretofore not done all they might have done to spread the beneficial light of their religion among men, and thus rescue them from a thousand errors which in every moment of life undermine the happiness of many families, and even threaten the prosperity of this great nation.

It can not be denied that sin—sin of the most appalling nature—prevails to an alarming extent in this our blessed land, annihilating whole families, and those who are permitted to be born are consequently weak and destined to an early grave. It can not be denied that corruption exists in municipal, State, and national legislation, reaching such an enormity that, if not checked, it will confiscate the earnings and the savings of a life's career. These crying sins meet us everywhere and threaten to sap with their poisonous venom the very existence of the family and the nation.

Under these circumstances it behooves us—no, it is our sacred duty, to send forth our rabbis to preach not only to our people, but to the masses at large, Judaism in its pristine purity, and that, we all know, is to live in the spirit of the ten commandments, which lead us on the grand avenue of a correct life and conduct; which forbid us to hesitate in the face of duty; which impress on us the divine command to marry and to multiply, and to be honorable in the fullest sense of the term. So to till and beautify the earth that there shall be plenty for man and beast, and so to legislate that none are oppressed, and that all have the broadest opportunity to develop their capacities to live a life of peace and undisturbed freedom. To extend a helping hand to any of their fellow-men, whom misfortune has overtaken; to be, in one word, a man, worthy of God's image, worthy of being the lord over all that exists on earth, and to become worthy to live an eternal life in the heavenly regions.

I recommend this circuit-preaching by our rabbis, not with a view to make proselytes, but to impress on mankind at large the great lessons of Judaism, which, if sincerely accepted, can not but benefit all classes, strengthen the family ties through the affections, and purify all, both in their domestic relations and their public transactions.

To support such rabbis, a separate fund should be created from

the annual contributions by the members of the *Union*, which could only be done provided every Hebrew congregation in the United States joined the Union. It is calculated that there are fifty thousand Israelites, members of congregations; and each member, by paying one dollar annually, would produce a sum amply sufficient to support a Hebrew Theological Institute of the first rank, and to send forth able rabbis as circuit-preachers.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations could also, if endowed, assist poor orphans or children of poor parents to learn a mechanical trade. All this and much more can be, and will be, accomplished, if all the congregations join the Union, send their representative men to the annual Council to deliberate upon such measures as will advance and perpetuate Judaism, and add to the happiness of its believers and mankind at large. It is, therefore, of the most vital importance that every Israelite should become a member of a congregation and use his influence in that congregation to bring it into the Union.

In view of the fact that the minimum amount required by the Constitution to enable the Hebrew Theological Institute to be opened, has nearly been subscribed, I respectfully recommend that the Council designate the place where the Institute shall be established, and provide rules for its government. It would be advisable to place the Institute where the students will be under the protecting influence of the Directors thereof—not alone to enable them to pursue their studies successfully, but also to offer them the opportunity of entering into the best society, to be the welcome guests of every cultivated family, where they could receive the impressions of an elevated culture and of refined homes, which they would take with them when they enter on their ministerial career, and through their education and association become beneficent spirits to their race and mankind.

From the proceedings of the Executive Board, submitted in the report of the Secretary, you will find that the instructions of the Convention, held last July, have been faithfully carried out; and while it is to be regretted that the responses to the call for contributions have not been as large as expected, yet when we take into consideration the fact, that almost immediately after the committees to solicit aid were appointed, a financial panic of unusual severity swept over the entire land, prostrating every business interest, the effects of which have not yet entirely disappeared; the contributions that have thus far been ob-

tained indicate that the cause is dear to every Israelite who loves to see the religion of his ancestors advanced, honored, and perpetuated.

Grateful thanks are due to the press, both Jewish and secular, who have so ably advocated the objects of our organization, and to those eminent men who have privately and publicly so perseveringly labored for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations—*the only National Organization which has for its object the promotion of Hebrew education in America.* And with full confidence that all your efforts will be directed to the advancement of our cause, I have the honor to be, gentlemen, with the assurance of my highest esteem,

Yours, very respectfully,

MORITZ LOTH,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES,—In obedience to our laws, I beg leave to submit the following, as my annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874:

Proceedings of the Executive Board.

VESTRY-ROOM, PLUM ST. TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, JULY 10, 1873.

The Executive Board met at 8 o'clock P. M. Present—Messrs. B. Bettman, Julius Freiberg, M. Hellman, Adam A. Kramer, Lipman Levy, Solomon Levi, Henry Stix, M. Loth, Joel H. Steinberg, A. E. Frankland, L. N. Dembitz, and Samuel Meyer.

Mr. B. Bettman called the Board to order, and nominated Mr. M. Loth for President, who was unanimously elected, and assumed the chair. On motion it was ordered that the bond of the Secretary be fixed at five thousand dollars, and that of the Treasurer at twenty thousand dollars. The Board then proceeded to the election of the other officers, with the following result:

Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected Vice-President.

Mr. Lipman Levy " " Secretary.

Mr. Max Hellman " " Treasurer.

On motion, Mr. Jacob Levinson was appointed Messenger.

On motion, Messrs. Hellman and Solomon Levi, in conjunction with the President and Secretary, were appointed a committee to have the proceedings of the Convention printed, and procure the necessary books and stationery.

On motion, it was ordered that the President of each congregation which favors our cause, be appointed a committee to solicit donations and annual contributions, with power to appoint sub-committees.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write to the parties in Peoria, Ills., and Charleston, W. Va., who had made offers of land to

the Convention, thanking them for their kind offers, and advising them that their propositions would be taken into consideration.

On motion, it was ordered that the seal of the "Union" should bear the circular inscription of "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations," inclosing the sentence—תִּלְמוֹד תּוֹרָה כֻּנֵּן כָּל־ and the words "Inst. July, 5633," with a representation of the tablets of the Law in the centre.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to prepare the necessary papers, and have the same recorded, for the purpose of incorporating "the Union of American Hebrew Congregations," under the laws of the State of Ohio, in accordance with the action of the Convention.

The resolution offered in the Convention by Mr. Chas. Kahn, Jr., was referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Sol. Levi, B. Bettman, and A. A. Kramer, the Convention having referred the resolution to this Board.

On motion, it was requested that auxiliary societies be organized to assist in carrying out the objects of the "Union."

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, AUGUST 10, 1873. }

The Executive Board met at two o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Mr. L. Silverman and Mr. H. Bamberger, expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the meeting; also one from Mr. L. N. Dembitz, submitting the following resolutions, which were laid over until such time as he could be present at an Executive Board meeting:

"WHEREAS, It is one of the declared objects of the 'Union' to raise the standard of Jewish Sabbath-schools, and this can not be done without making the reading and knowledge of the Scriptures much more general than they are at present; and

"WHEREAS, The ordinary English Bible is, for many reasons, unfit for use in Jewish families, and Leeser's Bible is too expensive for general circulation;

"Resolved, That the publication of a cheap English Bible for Jews is desirable, and should receive the countenance of the 'Union' and of its Executive Board.

"Resolved further, That a committee of three be appointed to correspond with the holders of the copyright of Leeser's Bible, and with the 'Jewish Publication Society,' at New York, as to the expediency

of such a publication ; the text to be revised, to free it from blemishes of language, and the book to be sold at not over one dollar and fifty cents retail ; so that an English Bible may be found in every Jewish house ; and that the committee lay their correspondence before the Board for further action."

The following letters were read, which were ordered to be spread upon the minutes :

" CINCINNATI, August 10, 1873.

" *L. Levy, Esq., Secretary Union of American Hebrew Congregations, City.*

" DEAR SIR,—K. K. Ahavath Achim, consisting of fifty-two (52) paying members, begs to be enrolled in the Society of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and gladly ratifies the action of the Convention, held on the 8th, 9th, and 10th ult.

" Respectfully yours,

" S. WOLFSTEIN,

" Sec'y K. K. Ahavath Achim.

" JOEL H. STEINBERG, Pres't.

" EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 4, 1873.

" Mr. Lipman Levy, Cincinnati."

" DEAR SIR,—At the regular meeting of the Congregation Benai Israel, held August 3, 1873, the actions of the delegates at the Congregational Conference were ratified, and the Constitution and By-laws of the Convention unanimously adopted."

" Respectfully,

[SEAL.]

" N. GROSS, Pres't.

" A. LOEWENTHAL, Sec'y."

On motion, the following payments were ordered to be made :

A. & H. Straus, for one book-case	- -	\$20 00
Secretary : For cash paid for stamped envelopes		\$17 10
For do seal	- - -	12 00
For do postal cards	- -	2 50
For do postage stamps	- -	12 00
		—\$43 60

On motion, the following forms of circulars, to be sent to congregations, and for the appointment of committees for collections, were adopted :

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

CINCINNATI,———1873.

To the Officers and Members of Congregation —————
of —————

GENTLEMEN,—The Convention of Congregations held in this city, in the month of July last, adopted the following resolutions :

“ WHEREAS, This Convention having met for the purpose of forming a union of congregations of the South and West, for the object of establishing a Jewish Theological Institute for the purpose of educating young men for Jewish ministers and teachers, and to advance the prosperity of the Jewish religion in the United States ; and

“ WHEREAS, Such objects can not be properly attained while any sectional barrier is interposed between the congregations located in various parts of the United States ; and

“ WHEREAS, It is the desire of this Convention, in order to carry out the laudable objects for which it has been assembled (in accordance with the call issued by the congregations of Cincinnati), by removing all such sectional or geographical denominations, in order that our sister congregations throughout the United States may participate in this movement ; therefore, be it

“ RESOLVED, That in order to carry out more fully the objects of this Convention we, the delegates representing the various congregations of the South and West, in convention assembled, do hereby cordially request our sister congregations throughout the United States to co-operate with us for the purpose of forming a more perfect union of congregations, with a view to the formation of a Jewish Theological Institute, and to promote such other objects that may tend to elevate and further advance the prosperity of our sacred religion.

“ *Resolved*, That all the Hebrew congregations in every part of the United States and its Territories be invited to join ‘ The Union of American Hebrew Congregations,’ for the purpose set forth in the Preamble, Constitution, and By-laws adopted by this Convention.

“ *Resolved*, That the Executive Board shall have the proceedings of this Convention, the Preamble, the Constitution, and By-laws, published in pamphlet form, and to transmit the same with an invitation to said congregations to join the Union.

“ *Resolved*, That said invitation be signed by all the members of the Executive Board, in the name and in behalf of the Convention.”

In pursuance of the above resolutions, we have the pleasure to transmit to your honorable body a copy containing the proceedings of said Convention, the Preamble, Constitution, and By-laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and respectfully invite your congregation to join the Union, and thus become a colaborer in the good work to perpetuate the elevating teachings of Judaism.

Trusting that you will accept our cordial invitation, and extend to us the courtesy of an early reply, we have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Moritz Loth, Cincinnati, O., *President.*

Julius Freiberg, " \ *Vice-President.*

Lipman Levy, " *Secretary.*

Max Hellman, " *Treasurer.*

B. Bettman, "

Adam A. Kramer, "

Nathan Moses, "

Henry Mack, "

Solomon Levi, "

[SEAL.] Henry Stix, "

Joel H. Steinberg, "

Sigmund Mann, Cleveland, O.

A. E. Frankland, Memphis, Tennessee.

N. Bloom, Louisville, Kentucky.

Lewis N. Dembitz, Louisville, Kentucky.

N. F. Block, " "

H. Bamberger, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Lazarus Silverman, Chicago, Illinois.

Jacob Rosenberg, " "

Samuel Meyer, Evansville, Indiana.

AN TEST:

LIPMAN LEVY, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

CINCINNATI, ———— 187

Mr. ———

DEAR SIR,—You have been appointed as a local committee to solicit from your fellow-citizens and friends, donations and annual contributions in aid of the

HEBREW THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE,

About to be established by

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

You will receive herewith blank subscription papers, and will re-

ceive additional blanks, or further information if required, on application to the Secretary.

You are at liberty to call to your aid, in soliciting subscriptions or donations, any person you may deem proper, and to organize auxiliary societies to aid the cause.

Should you find yourself unable to act (which, it is hoped, will not be the case), please turn these papers over to some Israelite, who will—advising us of such action.

[SEAL.]

By order of the Executive Board.

LIPMAN LEVY, Sec'y.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Mr. Loth submitted the following resolutions, which were adopted :

“ WHEREAS, There exists no complete record of the names and number of members of the various congregations throughout the United States, and it being deemed important that such information be obtained ; therefore

“ *Resolved*, That every congregation in the United States is hereby respectfully requested to forward to Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, at Cincinnati, Ohio, its name, number of members, and list of officers.

“ *Resolved*, That every Jewish journal which favors the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, under whose auspices the Hebrew Theological Institute is to be established, is respectfully requested to publish these resolutions.”

Messrs. L. Levy, A. A. Kramer, and B. Bettman were appointed a committee to draft additional By-laws. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer were appointed a committee to distribute copies of the proceedings of the Convention, and to issue the circulars adopted to be forwarded to congregations and collection committees.

Mr. Kramer submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

“ WHEREAS, The Executive Board has been notified of the generous donation of ten thousand dollars by Henry Adler, Esq., for the benefit of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and that the same has been deposited with K. K. Bene Yeshurun, of Cincinnati ; therefore

“ *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with said Henry Adler, Esq., and said K. K. Bene Yeshurun, with a view to obtain an official statement of the donation of said \$10,000, with the circumstances and conditions under which the same was made, and report at the next meeting of this Board.”

Messrs. Kramer, Freiberg, and Steinberg were appointed as the committee.

The committee on Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr.'s resolution asked for and was granted further time.

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.

CINCINNATI, Oct, 12, 1873.

The Executive Board met at two o'clock P. M. The President and Vice-President being absent, Mr. Dembitz was called to the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Letters were read informing us that the following congregations had ratified the action of the Convention, and had become members of the "Union;" viz.:

Bene Yeshurun—Cincinnati, Ohio.
 B'nai Sholem—Quincy, Illinois.
 Bene Yeshurun—Dayton, Ohio.
 Ohev Zedukah—Springfield, Ohio.
 Sherith Israel—Cincinnati, "
 Rodef Sholem—Youngstown, Ohio.
 Bene Israel—Cincinnati, "
 Children of Israel—Memphis, Tennessee.
 Adas Israel—Louisville, Kentucky.
 Indianapolis Hebrew—Indianapolis, Indiana.
 Beth El—Detroit, Michigan.
 Beth Israel—Louisville, Kentucky.

A large number of letters was read, which had been received by the Secretary from Israelites in different sections of the country, expressing sympathy for the cause, and promising assistance toward the establishment of a Hebrew Theological Institute.

The Secretary stated that on consultation with the President and Treasurer it had been deemed advisable to subscribe for the several Hebrew journals published in this country, which action was on motion approved.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid, the same having been previously duly examined and audited; viz.:

Bloch & Co. :	Blank books, printing, and stationery		
	to date - - - - -		\$274 65
Secretary :	Cash paid for recording incorporation	- \$1 00	
	do Express charges	- - 25	
	do Postage stamps	- - 45 95	
			<hr/> 47 20

One year's subscription for <i>Hebrew Leader</i> , N. Y.	-	-	\$4 00
" " " <i>Observer</i> , San Francisco	-	-	5 00

The Secretary was authorized to draw orders for bills that might be presented for any other publications ordered.

The committee appointed to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., in the Convention, reported that said resolution is contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Union, and can not and should not be adopted. On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed for that purpose reported that they had issued invitations to more than two hundred congregations to join the "Union," and had appointed more than five hundred committees to solicit aid in establishing the Hebrew Theological Institute.

The committee on the "Adler" donation asked for and was granted further time.

The committee appointed at the last meeting to draft additional By-laws, submitted the following, which were adopted :

ARTICLE VI.

The dues of the congregations belonging to the Union shall be payable semi-annually on the first day of September and March.

ARTICLE VII.

The yearly contributions, other than congregational dues, shall be payable on each anniversary of the first payment.

ARTICLE VIII.

The fiscal year shall end on the thirtieth day of June annually, to which time all reports shall be made, and the same shall be printed and submitted to the Council at the annual meeting.

The resolutions submitted by Mr. Dembitz at the last meeting were taken up, and after a lengthy debate were laid over until next regular meeting in December.

On motion, the President, Vice-President, and Secretary were appointed a committee to correspond with the Jewish ministers throughout the United States, and request them to advocate the cause and objects of the Union from their respective pulpits; and to make suitable arrangements for the delivery of lectures by competent persons, in aid of the Union, at such places as may be deemed advisable.

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14, 1873.

The Executive Board met at seven o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following congregations had resolved to join the Union; viz.:

Beth El Emeth—Camden, Ark.

B'nai Israel—Natchez, Miss.

B'nai Israel—Little Rock, Ark.

Adath Israel—Owensboro, Ky.

Chevra Gemilas Chasodim—Alexandria, La.

Tifereth Israel—Cleveland, O.

Ohavai Sholem—Nashville, Tenn.

Anshe Emeth—Piqua, O.

Benai Yeshurun—Nashville, Tenn.

Children of Israel—Augusta, Ga.

Benai Israel—Columbus, O.

Bene Israel—Keokuk, Iowa.

Hebrew Educational Society—Charleston, W. Va.

Adath Joseph—St. Joseph, Mo.

Beth Elohim—Charleston, S. C.

Rodef Sholem—Wabash, Ind.

Keneseth Israel—Zanesville, O.

B'nai Jehudah—Kansas City, Mo.

Anshe Chesed—La Crosse, Wis.

Meadville Hebrew Society—Meadville, Pa.

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the action of the last meeting the following circulars had been issued, which action was on motion approved:

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

CINCINNATI, _____ 187

DEAR SIR—The Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations have appointed the undersigned a committee to correspond with the ministers and other prominent gentlemen connected with the Hebrew congregations throughout the United States, and invite their co-operation in furthering the aims and objects contemplated by the Union.

In pursuance of that duty we would respectfully request a response to the following questions, believing the objects we have in view are so sacred and important that no Israelite, and especially those who occupy the positions of instructors and leaders of our congregations, can longer afford to remain indifferent toward this movement :

1. Do you approve of the aims and purposes of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as set forth in the accompanying report of the proceedings of the Convention, held in Cincinnati during last July.

2. Will you advocate the cause of the Union from your pulpit and otherwise, so as to endeavor to have your congregation become a member of the Union.

3. If satisfactory arrangements can be made, will you visit the cities and towns in your vicinity, and deliver lectures and addresses in behalf of the Union and its chief object—the establishment of a Hebrew Theological Institute.

We trust that you will look at the object of this communication in the light in which it is our aim to place it, namely, for the purpose only of furthering our cause, and not to pry into your opinions; although, should you deem it proper to withhold an answer, we shall conclude, to our regret, that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations can not number you among its friends. Hoping, however, that we will be enabled to place on our records a favorable response from you,

We remain, yours, very respectfully,

MORITZ LOTH, President.

[SEAL.]

JULIUS FREIBERG, Vice-President.

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

Please direct your answer to the Secretary.

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.

CINCINNATI, _____ 187

To the Officers and Members of Congregation _____
of _____

At a regular meeting of the Executive Board, held on Sunday, October 12, 1873, the following By-laws were enacted in accordance with the power given to the Board by the Convention :

(See Articles 6, 7, and 8, proceedings of October 12, 1873.)

You are therefore respectfully requested to transmit, on receipt of

this, the first half-yearly dues, being fifty cents for each member of your congregation. It is of course optional with you to remit the dues for the whole year at once.

Yours respectfully,

[SEAL.]

LIPMAN LEVY, Sec'y.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co. : Printing circulars	-	-	-	-	\$9 00
Lipman Levy : Cash paid for postage	-	-	-		\$9 70
Subscription for <i>Jewish Messenger</i> ,					5 00
Ink 50 cts.; Newspaper binder	\$1 50			2 00	
					—————\$16 70

The committee on the Adler donation asked for and was granted further time.

Action on Mr. Dembitz's resolution (see proceedings Aug. 10, 1873) was deferred in consequence of his absence from this meeting.

A large number of letters were read which had been received in response to the circular on page 14, whereupon the following resolutions were adopted:

“RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Executive Board are hereby tendered to the gentlemen who so kindly and promptly responded to the wishes of the Board, asking their co-operation in furthering the aims of the Union.

RESOLVED, That while the Board does not deem itself, at the present time, prepared to make formal arrangements for the delivery of a regular course of lectures, they earnestly and respectfully request that those gentlemen who have so kindly responded will permit no opportunity to pass, either at their respective homes or at places that they may visit, to deliver addresses, and use all other proper means for the advancement of the cause which they have shown to have so much at heart.

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the above resolutions to each of the gentlemen from whom answers had been received.

The President submitted the following correspondence:

“CINCINNATI, Nov. 14, 1873.

“*Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.*

“DEAR SIR,—With pleasure did I read the proceedings of the first General Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, under whose care a Hebrew Theological Institute is to be maintained.

“Having in my possession twelve volumes of the Babylonean Talmud—old Amsterdam and Frankfort editions, also the Midrasha

Bablah, with all the Commentaries, and one ancient Machsor, Hamburg edition, Anno 1730—I have concluded to donate the above books to the library of the Hebrew Theological Institute. These books are not to be taken from the library, but to be accessible to all applicants, without distinction of sex, race, or creed.

“These books belonged to my lately deceased husband, Leopold Loeb, who, during fifty-seven years of our married life, read them with great delight and profit to himself and family, who shared in their elevating influence.

“Hoping that you will accept the trust, and that the books will be as industriously studied in the future as they were by the past generations and my beloved husband, I am

Very respectfully,

“MRS. ROSINA LOEB.

“Born in Worms, on the Rhine.”

“CINCINNATI, Nov. 16, 1873.

“*Mrs. Rosina Loeb, Cincinnati.*

“DEAR MADAME,—Among the many encouraging letters which I have received favoring the movement of forming one great Union of American Hebrew Congregations, under whose auspices a Hebrew Theological Institute is to be established, and other measures fostered which will advance the prosperity of Judaism, none gave me more pleasure than your much-esteemed letter and your valuable gift, which I accept on the conditions donated. I will endeavor to have your noble letter entered upon the minutes, and the original filed among the archives of the Institute.

“That the books will be industriously studied by those who will prepare themselves for the ministry is beyond doubt, for no student can disregard works which contain the accumulated wisdom of many ages, and which have so vastly influenced the Israelites and mankind at large, to be free from superstition and prejudice, which makes it possible to live hopefully and pleasantly among the family of men.

“Thanking you for your generous gift, I am, dear Madam, with respectful consideration,

Yours truly,

“MORITZ LOTH,

“President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.”

On motion, the action of the President was approved, and he was requested to retain the books in his custody until such time as other provision should be made for their safe-keeping.

In view of the B'nai B'rith Convention, to be held in Chicago in January, 1874, it was resolved to have public lectures and addresses delivered there during the session of the Convention, for the purpose of setting forth and advocating the aims and purposes of the Union; and Messrs. Lazarus Silverman, Jacob Rosenberg, and the Secretary were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, Feb. 22, 1874.

The Executive Board met at two o'clock P.M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The committee on the Adler donation asked for and was granted further time, and was instructed to present a written report at the next meeting of the Board.

The Secretary reported, on behalf of the committee appointed at the last meeting, to arrange a meeting at Chicago, in the interests of the Union, that that duty had been performed. On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following additional congregations had become members of the Union; viz.:

Anshai Emeth—Peoria, Ills.

Hebrew Benevolent Society—Vincennes, Ind.

Kehilath Anshe Mayriv—Chicago, Ills.

Bnai Israel—Natchitoches, La.

Hebrew Benevolent—Atlanta, Ga.

Bnai Yeshurun—Des Moines, Iowa.

Or Zion—Peru, Ind.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co. : Printing and stationery	-	\$ 8 10
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Secretary : Cash paid for 2 newspaper binders		3 00
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" " " " expenses to Chicago		64 25
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On motion, a committee consisting of the Secretary and Mess. M. Hellman and A. A. Kramer was appointed to prepare the necessary blanks to be forwarded to the congregations which are members of the Union, and to request them to elect delegates to the next Council, and furnish statistical information for the Union as the committee might deem proper.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to write to Messrs. Silberman and Rosenberg, at Chicago, and request them to use their influence with the congregations throughout the Northwest, and at Chicago, to induce them to become members of the Union.

The President was instructed to deposit the books in his possession (see proceedings Dec. 14) in the Public Library of Cincinnati, under the condition that we may withdraw the same whenever we desire to do so.

The resolution offered by Mr. L. N. Dembitz, on August 10, 1873, in reference to the Bible, were taken up for action, and permission being given, he modified them, to read as follows, in which form it was adopted :

"Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to obtain information as to how a cheap English version of the Scriptures for the Jewish home and Sabbath-schools can be obtained—the committee to report at the June meeting of this Board."

Messrs. Dembitz, Freiberg and Bloom were appointed as the committee. The committees appointed to solicit subscriptions were on motion requested to commence work with the least possible delay, and the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to furnish the necessary blanks to the committees, and to take charge of the lists when returned.

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, April 12, 1874.

The Executive Board met at seven and one-half o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. N. Bloom regretting his inability to attend this meeting, in consequence of sickness.

The committee on the Adler donation presented the following report :

"To the Honorable President and Members of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations."

"Your committee appointed to examine into and report the status of the donation by Mr. Adler of \$10,000, to the K. K. Bene Yeshurun, for the benefit of the Hebrew Theological Institute, beg leave to submit the following :

"Your committee have conferred with the President of the K. K.

Yeshurun, and have examined the written instrument under which said donation was made, and found that the sum of \$10,000 is donated to said congregation in trust—the income to be paid to the donor during his life and the life of Mrs. Adler; and only in the event that a Hebrew Theological Institute will be organized within *three years* from May, 1873, will said fund inure in any manner to the benefit of either the congregation or the proposed Institute; and in any event, even after the organization of the Institute, the income must be paid to the donor and his wife during their lives.

“The said trust is now so situated that your honorable body can have no present claim thereon; but whenever the contemplated Institute shall have been organized (if so organized, within said three years), the said fund will properly belong to, and no doubt will readily be given to the Union, for the benefit of the Institute. In the meantime, however, any further action in the premises will be unnecessary and unavailing.

Respectfully,

ADAM A. KRAMER,

“JOEL H. STEINBERG,

“JULIUS FREIBERG.

“CINCINNATI, April 10, 1874.”

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The President reported that on March 17, 1874; he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn an order on the Treasurer for \$1192.50 from the Sinking Fund, and on the following day an order for \$596.25 from the General Fund, for the payment respectively of a \$1000 and a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond, which bonds had been deposited in the Safe Deposit Co., of this city, for the “Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to be delivered only on written order of the Executive Board, signed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer—coupons to President and Secretary.” On motion, the action of the President and Secretary was approved.

The following payments were ordered to be made:

Secretary :	For cash paid for deposit of \$1500 bonds	\$1 88
	For postage	8 78
		———— \$10 66
Bloch & Co. :	For printing	12 50
I. M. Wise :	For 300 copies of the <i>Israelite</i> , mailed	
	to collection committees, by order of	
	the President and Secretary	15 00

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, June 14, 1874.

The Executive Board met at two o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Bamberger, excusing himself for non-attendance.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following congregations had notified him that they had become members of the Union: Emanuel—Grand Rapids, Mich.

Anshe Chesed—Vicksburg, Miss.

Bnai Israel—Columbus, Ga.

Hebrew Zion—Shreveport, La.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co.: Paper and printing for subscription		
album	- - - - -	\$ 6 00
Printing receipts	- - - - -	3 50
	—————	\$ 9 50
M. Loth: Cash paid for binding subscription		
album	- - - - -	35 00
L. Levy: Cash paid for stamped envelopes		\$17 10
"	" " telegrams	5 15
"	" " stationery case	5 00
"	" " deposit of bond	63
"	" " copying press and P. O.	
	scales	16 00
"	" " scrap-book and file-boxes	6 75
"	" " ink, rubber straps, paper,	
"	" " etc.	4 50
	—————	55 13

Jacob Levinson: One year's services as Messenger - - - 25 00

The Secretary's bond for \$5000, with Nathaniel Newbergh and Joseph M. Schloss as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The Treasurer's bond for \$20,000, with Adam A. Kramer and Julius Freiberg as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The Secretary presented bills for advertising the call for the meeting of the Council, from the *Hebrew Observer*, for \$6, and from the *Jewish Times* for \$25, and reported that he had written in regard to those bills, objecting to the payment thereof; and on motion, his action on the subject was approved.

The committee appointed for that purpose on August 10, 1873, report the following additions to the By-laws, which were adopted :

ARTICLE IX.

Organization of the Council.

SECTION 1. The President of the Executive Board shall call the Council to order, when a temporary chairman and secretary shall be elected. The Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials. After the report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been adopted, the Council shall permanently organize by the election of a President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

The President shall then appoint the following standing committee of five members each :

On Theological Institute ;

On Publications ;

On Finance ;

On Correspondence ;

On Reports of Congregations.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Theological Institute shall examine into all matters immediately connected with the establishment and maintenance of the Institute.

SEC. 3. The Committee on Publications shall examine into all propositions for the publication of books, under the auspices or with the sanction of the Union.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Finance shall examine the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and inspect all bills for expenditures that may be presented during the session of the Council.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Correspondence shall examine into the correspondence had by the officers of the Executive Board, during the recess of the Council.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Reports of Congregations shall examine the same, and suggest such measures in regard to them as may be of interest to the Union.

SEC. 7. The Council may appoint such additional special committees as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE X.

Rules of Order for the Government of the Council.

SEC. 1. When the presiding officer takes the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats ; and at the sound of the bell or gavel there shall be a general silence.

SEC. 2. The business of the annual meetings shall be taken up daily, as follows :

First—Prayer.

Second—Reading of the Minutes.

Third—Reports of Committees, in the following order :

1. Theological Institute.
2. Publications.
3. Finance.
4. Correspondence.
5. Reports of Congregations.

Fourth—Reports of Special Committees.

Fifth—Resolutions.

Sixth—Miscellaneous Business.

Sec. 3. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the Council on all subjects; he may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; he shall decide questions of order without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, subject to an appeal to the Council by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

Sec. 4. No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order, nor stand up to interrupt him, nor when a member is speaking pass between him and the Chair, or leave the hall.

Sec. 5. Every member, when he speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished shall sit down. Members speaking shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personality or indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Council or its members.

SEC. 6. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

SEC. 7. No member shall speak until he has been recognized by the Chair.

SEC. 8. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice without permission of the Council.

SEC. 9. If a member, while speaking, be called to order by the Chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined, and permission is given him to proceed.

SEC. 10. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded, and stated by the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing if desired by any member.

SEC. 11. When a question is before the Council, no motion shall be received except for adjournment; the previous question; to lie on the table; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone to a certain time; to divide; to commit or amend; which motions shall severally have preference in the order herein arranged.

SEC. 12. On the call of five members the previous questions shall be put. The previous question having been ordered, all further amendments and debates shall be precluded; but the amendments that have been previously offered shall be voted upon in their order, before the main question.

SEC. 13. On the call of ten members the yeas and nays on any question shall be recorded.

SEC. 14. When a blank is to be filled, and different sums, numbers, or times shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number, and latest or longest time.

SEC. 15. No motion for reconsideration shall be received unless moved by a member who voted in the majority in the first instance.

SEC. 16. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee, at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of one other committee.

SEC. 17. The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman thereof.

SEC. 18. The consequences of a measure may be reprobated in strong terms; but to arraign the motives of those who propose or advocate it, is a personality, and against order.

SEC. 19. While the Chair is putting a question, or addressing the Council, or while any other member is speaking, no member shall walk about or leave the Council, or entertain private discourse.

SEC. 20. No motion can be made by one member while another is speaking; and no motion can be made without rising and addressing the Chair.

SEC. 21. The Chair or any member, doubting the decision of the question, may call for a division of the Council, and a count of the affirmative and negative vote.

SEC. 22. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

SEC. 23. Should any committee be appointed at one session of the Council, to report at the next succeeding session, it shall be the

duty of such committee to report in writing, even though they be not representatives.

SEC. 24. Any member has a right to protest, and to have his protest spread upon the minutes.

SEC. 25. Motions for adjournment, the previous question, to lie on the table, and to postpone indefinitely, shall be put without debate.

SEC. 26. All questions of parliamentary law not herein provided for, shall be decided in accordance with the rules laid down in Cushing's Manual.

SEC. 27. Any of these rules may be dispensed with by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

SEC. 28. All of the foregoing rules shall be binding upon the Executive Board, so far as they may be applicable.

The President reported that on the 9th inst. he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn an order on the Treasurer for \$600 62, in payment of a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond that he had purchased for the General Fund, and had deposited the same in the Cincinnati Safe Deposit Co., which action was on motion approved.

On motion, L. Levy and S. Mann were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the place of meeting of the Council at Cleveland, on July 14, 1874. Mr. Sol. Levi was appointed a committee to make arrangements for a reduction of railroad fare for the delegates to the Council.

The President and Secretary reported that, learning on May, 26th ult., that the Board of Delegates of American Israelites was then in session in New York City, they had, after consulting with several members of the Executive Board (no time being had for a meeting), forwarded the following telegram:

"To the Board of Delegates of American Israelites.

"The Union of American Hebrew Congregations extends to you its fraternal greetings. May all Israel in America, under the benign influence of Providence, soon be united in the promotion of education at home, and in assuring the protection of the rights of our brethren abroad.

"MORITZ LOTH, President.

"LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary."

On motion, the above action was approved.

The President reported that he had obtained, in conjunction with the Vice-President, subscriptions to the amount of \$33,000, in this city, and that \$1200 had been obtained in Louisville, Ky.

This being the last regular meeting of this Board, the foregoing minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

Owing to unavoidable delay the following report was not received until after the last meeting of the Executive Board, and is herewith submitted direct to the Council:

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

At the February meeting your committee was appointed to report upon a plan by which a cheap English version of the Jewish Scriptures, suitable to the wants of American Jews, could be obtained.

The Bibles, published by the American Bible Society in the interests of Christianity, are sold at a rate so cheap, that, according to the best information we could obtain, there must be a loss on every copy—on the paper, presswork, and binding, even after the stereotype plates are furnished. We can not hope to furnish to our Jewish fellow-believers anything as cheap as these publications, unless we had a large capital collected exclusively for this purpose. There are, however, grave objections to the use of the English ordinary Bibles in a Jewish Sabbath-school :

First—The New Testament at the end, and the references to Christ in the chapter headings, lead to trouble, both with children and parents, as we can state from experience.

Second—Many passages,—not very many, yet more than is desirable—are translated in a manner distasteful to Jews, and contrary to what they take to be the true sense.

The first objection can be got rid of: for there is an edition of the Old Testament alone, *without head-notes*, printed in leaded minion, quite legible, which is sold at one dollar a copy.

But even if we thought that this edition was good enough for all practical purposes, we could never obtain for it a general introduction in the synagogues and Sabbath-schools, and in Jewish families, on account of the distrust and prejudice entertained against a book which was written by Christians, and is now published exclusively under their auspices.

Still we deem it our duty to draw the attention of the Jewish public to this edition—"Old Testament, text only, black sheep, \$1.00"—as it may supply with many an immediate want.

Of course, the thing desired is an English version, made by and for Jews. Its advantages are the following:

First—It avoids all those errors of the common or Christian versions, which arise from an attempt to twist passages of our Scriptures into prophecies of Christ.

Second—Being more than two centuries younger, it has all the results of soientific researches in the meantime, by which to correct involuntary errors of the former version.

Third—It is arranged according to Jewish usage—Torah—Prophets—Hagiographa; the first-named is divided into Sidras or weekly lessons, to which is added a reference to the Prophet lessons or Haftarothe, all of which renders such a Bible much more convenient, both for worship and for instruction.

There are now in existence only two complete English versions, made by Jews, one by Dr. Benisch, of London; the other by the late Mr. Leeser, of Philadelphia. Of the former no plain or Sabbath-school edition has ever been made; there is one of the latter, but it is sold now at \$3.00 apiece at retail, and even by the dozen at \$2.50.

It was the expressed sense of the Board, when it appointed your committee, that the "Union" should avoid the task of revision; but should avail itself if possible of the material on hand. We found some grave objections to Leeser's book: on the one hand, it is often too literal, following closely the order of words, the tense, etc., of the Hebrew, and thus bringing out very harsh and even false English; while on the other hand it is sometimes not literal enough, but gives us a paraphrase or commentary instead of a translation. Moreover the copyright is not yet expired, and thus we could not reprint it without permission. We therefore made inquiries about Dr. Benisch's version, expecting to get up stereotype plates, which for a minion or brevier edition would have come to about \$2200 (eighteen or nineteen hundred thousand *ems*, at 80 cents for composition, and 40 cents for stereotyping), and no doubt such a sum could be raised for such a purpose.

But with all our efforts we were unable to obtain a complete copy of Benisch's version, even by writing to the author himself for it. We got, however, hold of a copy of his "Pentateuch and Haftarothe," printed in 1864, and called on its title-page, "Second Edition." We find that it shares with Leeser's Bible its first and greatest blemish—it abounds with harsh, strange words and turns of words. And while Mr. Leeser sometimes paraphrases the Hebrew text, he always does so in accordance with Jewish tradition; but Dr. Benisch does something

quite as objectionable, or even worse, in forcing upon the text meanings of his own invention, though so seemingly literal representatives of the Hebrew words. But from his preface to this partial second edition we infer that he had to change the style of the first considerably in obedience to the popular demand; and we may therefore conclude that the parts not revised (Prophets, other than what is contained in the Haftarothe and Hagiographa), and of which we could not get a sight, are couched in a very uncouth sort of English.

Under these circumstances, we feel it our duty to recommend the acceptance of propositions made to us by the Rev. Dr. Abraham DeSola, of Montreal—the purchaser and present owner of the copyright and stereotype plates of Mr. Leeser's version, who is now engaged in slowly revising it—made by him in a letter of May 8, 1874, addressed to the Chairman of your committee.

“I would supply the 18mo Bible, good paper, full sheep binding, lettered, and with a special title, showing it was an edition for the U. A. H. C., at the rate of ninety-five cents (95 cts.) per copy, provided an edition of not less than one thousand copies be ordered.

“At one dollar (\$1) per copy, if not less than five hundred copies are ordered; for any number under 500 the price would be one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25), and for any number under 100 the price would be one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50).

“The amount I would charge for the use of the plates would be thirty-five cents per copy, *in gold*.

“If an edition of two thousand five hundred copies (2500) be ordered, I would supply that number, or any over that number, at ninety cents per copy.” (On express inquiry, he answers, that the word “gold” refers only to the thirty-five cents; the other prices are intended for currency.)

It is evident that Dr. DeSola can not make much if any profit at these rates, but he hopes to sell a greater number of the large (quarto) edition, as the Leeser Bible becomes known in wider circles, and thus to reimburse himself.

We have no doubt that 2500 copies can easily be sold, if put at one dollar retail. The difference of ten cents ought to be sufficient to cover freight and packing. *There ought to be no commission on sales.* The way to avoid this can be learned from our Christian fellow-citizens. They have their “American Bible Society” at New York, which furnishes cheap Bibles, and their local societies in almost every county of the United States, which make up the slight expense, enabling the

agents of the A. B. S. to distribute its publications at the catalogue price, even by the single copy. Similarly, our "Union," acting as a Bible Society, every congregation which belongs to it should undertake the slight work of buying and selling the book to its members and townspeople.

If a small appropriation, however, should be required to float the project, there is a gentleman, a resident of Memphis, who has offered one hundred dollars to the Chairman of the committee to forward the cause, and more would not be needed; that sum would defray the expense of making the Bible enterprise known to the Israelites throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

We think that the undertaking, easy and small as it is, would aid the "Union" greatly in coming home to the hearts and homes of the American Israelites.

Respectfully reported.

LEWIS N. DEMBITZ,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
N. BLOOM,

Committee.

N. B.—The only expense incurred by your committee is five dollars for a copy of Benisch's Pentateuch, which we send on for the library of the Union, and for which we ask an appropriation.

THE CHAIRMAN.

In order to show with what sentiments the Israelites of America regard the purposes for which the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has been called into existence, I take pleasure in submitting the following from among the many letters that I have received:

CHARLESTON, S. C., August 31, 1873.

Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary of the Executive Board U. A. H. C., Cincinnati, O.

DEAR SIR,—The deplorable controversy between the advocates and the opposers of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, has plainly manifested that, instead of union, our people are suffering by the destructive venom of discord. Accepting to be the mission of the Jewish ministry in this country to advance and to promote all that can benefit the union of Israel, I considered it my duty to oppose this *second* Union or confederacy, which I thought to be in warfare with the *first* Union, or the Board of Delegates of American Israelites. The

faithful discharge of my sacred trust commended me to approach several friends among my flock, praying not to render any aid to your new organization.

Thus, please Sir, when I now address you on this subject, it is far from me to strengthen the antagonistic sentiments on both sides of the question; but for the sole purpose to seek the union of Israel that I desire to give publicity to the following facts, which I trust will have the same effect upon other leaders in Israel as was the case with your former opponent and humble servant.

This day I received by mail the official proceedings of the last session of the Board of Delegates, held in the city of New York, on May 13, 1873-5633. It informs me (page 12) that "it was moved and seconded to strike out section two of the fourth article of the Constitution, defining as one of the objects of the Board the promotion and encouragement of education. An amendment was offered that the section read as follows :

" 'To promote and encourage education among Israelites in the Orient.'

"The amendment was adopted."

When I read the above, my memory imparted to me that about the time said session was held, the "Jewish Messenger" published a long report of its proceedings, and the debates on the above subject impressed me, that in order to connect former opposing elements to the Board of Delegates it was found necessary to disclaim its patronage of Maimonides College, of Philadelphia ; and to avoid any misconstruction it was altered in the Constitution that, instead, its object would be to advance the education among the Israelites of America; henceforth it would be limited to the Israelites of the Orient; and the correcting of this fact would end all depending controversies on the Theological Institute. When there exists at present no acknowledged association besides the Union of the Hebrew American Congregations, that "promotes and encourages" education among Israelites *in this country*, then every conscientious Hebrew who recognizes the importance of such education, and used his best efforts in behalf of Maimonides College, should not hesitate to offer the same good services to the new organization. Since the Board of Delegates has found it prudent and wise to part from its foster child, Maimonides College has not given any sign of vitality ; nor has any other influential body manifested any desire to protect its interests.

Gentlemen of the opposition, in the name of justice and truth, to

which we all cling as dictated by our mind and conscience, let us rather confess our error, submit ourselves to the consequences of our forgetfulness, than disturb the Union of Israel any longer. What the Board of Delegates has *rejected*, the "Union" has pledged itself to promulgate. The idea that said Union was in defiance to another Union (the Board of American Delegates) is now proved to be erroneous. By amending our own mistakes, we give additional strength to our sacred work, namely, "to advance the prosperity of the Jewish religion in the United States," for thus we offer the highest testimony that our preaching for UNION is not directed against any sect or party, but that we proclaim *Union based upon truth!*

Most respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH H. M. CHUMACEIRO,

Minister K. K. Beth Elohim.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., August 16, 1873.

. . . I take this occasion of assuring the "Council" that I am in full sympathy with the enterprise, and with it "God-speed;" nor do I propose to come empty-handed, but you may book me for a draft of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) on the day when the first Theological College is opened by your Council, either in temporary or permanent buildings, and hope to be obliged to remit soon.

M. A. COHN.

LA CROSSE, Wisc., August 20, 1873.

. . . Be kind enough to send me a copy (of the proceedings of the Convention) so I may lay it before our meeting (of the congregation). By doing so you would greatly oblige me, and thereby promote the furtherance of the object which we have at heart. . .

MORITZ GUTMAN.

COLUMBUS, Ga., August 21, 1873.

. . . I beg to assure you that I will spare neither time nor labor to contribute to the success of the good cause. . . H. LANDAUER.

PADUCAH, Ky., August 21, 1873.

. . . We are straining ourselves to the utmost to sustain our congregation; certain it is, that if I do not succeed (in obtaining subscriptions) there will be no use for any one else to try it. . .

H. BURGAUER.

SELMA, Ala., August 22, 1873.

. . Will do all I can to assist (in soliciting subscriptions). . .
E. IKELHEIMER.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., August 24, 1873.

. . I will act in the good cause. I am happy to state . . .
our congregation highly favors your undertaking. I shall return the
(subscription) papers with what assistance we can give now, and will
always lend a helping hand. H. STERN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, August 25, 1873.

. . It was resolved to join the "Union." The congregation will
pay the yearly contribution in quarterly payments. . You have our
sympathy for the noble work you have undertaken, and we shall pray
Almighty God may prosper your effort, and crown your works with
the success they deserve. . . M. D. LEVY.

BRAZIL, Ind., August 25, 1873.

. . I will do the best I can; there are only few *Yehudim* in this
county. I will try to get about \$200 or \$300 from citizens of Brazil.
JOSEPH ROTHSCHILD.

FREEPORT, Ill., August 27, 1873.

. . Will do my utmost in soliciting (subscriptions), to make same
a success. ISAAC STINE.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., August 27, 1873.

. . Anything I can do for the cause rest assured shall be done.
D. MAYER.

SELMA, Ala., August 30, 1873.

. . I shall endeavor to do all in my means for the benefit of your
laudable undertaking. . . L. KAHN.

NEW YORK CITY, August 30, 1873.

. . I shall be pleased to place my best efforts at the disposal of the
Union of American Hebrew Congregations. . .
H. OBERNDORFER.

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., September 1, 1873.

. . I promise to do all I can. . I will ask my co-religionists to
aid in your laudable undertaking. . . MOSES FELSENTHAL.

SUMMIT, Miss., September 2, 1873.

. . . I shall use my best endeavors to promote the cause and object in view, and shall strive to forward from here a large subscription for the noble edifice about to be erected for the promotion of Judaism. I shall be awake to the interests of the cause. . . I. E. WOLFF.

DALLAS, Texas, September 7, 1873.

. . . I shall use all efforts to make the subscription list as large and as liberal as possible, being well aware of the importance of such an institute to the Israelites of this day. M. ULLMAN.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., September 10, 1873.

. . . Our congregation does not belong to the Union yet, but as its presiding officer, I can assure you that it will join before the next annual convention.

Individually, I can assure you that I am with heart and soul for this noble enterprise of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the establishment of a Hebrew theological institute, and I shall do whatever is in my power as an individual to contribute, and solicit also from my friends and co-religionists as much as I possibly can. Wishing a speedy success to this glorious undertaking,

I am, dear sir, Yours, most respectfully,

B. A. FEINEMAN.

GREENSBURG, Ind., September 11, 1873.

. . . I shall do, as I promised before, in giving all I can afford. If you want me to solicit donations from non-Israelites, let me hear from you; still I think there ought to be a feeling among our own co-religionists to do this without the aid of others, and if the will is there we can.

A. REITER.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., September 16, 1873.

. . . I cheerfully accept the appointment to solicit subscriptions, sympathizing heartily with the object proposed to be attained, and I will use my best endeavors to further the cause.

SAM'L NEWBURGER.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., September 16, 1873.

. . . I will do my utmost to help such a glorious undertaking. Had the Jews of this land begun twelve years ago, this would have

been a success long since ; but better late than never. God may help us to do it and all such like undertakings. JACOB MEYER.

NATCHITOCHES, La., September 17, 1873.

. . . Being a firm believer in Judaism and its doctrines, and for the advancement of the children of Israel, you will find me ever ready to give a helping hand. . . . ISAAC JACOB.

EATONTON, Ga., September 17, 1873.

. . . Inclosed please find five dollars for the Hebrew Theological Institute, with the assurance that I will do all I can for the progress of our grandest undertaking, to preserve Israel's honor, and to maintain our blessed religion. . . . SOL. LEVY.

CHARLESTON, S. C., September 18, 1873.

. . . I intend, at an early day, to bring the matter before my congregation. A lively interest seems to be manifested in behalf of the claims of such an institution. PHILIP WINEMAN,
President Congregation Beth Elohim.

AUGUSTA, Ga., September 18, 1873.

. . . I will act with pleasure as a local committee to solicit contributions. I trust that I may be instrumental in helping the good undertaking so much needed in our country. SAMUEL LEVY.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., September 18, 1873.

We are, so to say, but a handful of Israelites here, without a congregation ; but all with whom I have conversed on the subject seem to be favorably impressed with the contemplated enterprise, and as soon as our good intentions will take some practical shape I will report to you. Wishing you an early and complete success of your laudable undertaking. M. HEART.

BELLEFONTE, Pa., September 18, 1873.

As soon as our approaching holidays are past I shall give it my entire time, and endeavor to return you a good subscription, first heading the list with a liberal donation myself. Wishing your enterprise a hearty reception among the Hebrews everywhere.

ABR. SUSSMAN.

NEW IBERIA, La., September 19, 1873.

With the greatest pleasure I accept the appointment to solicit subscriptions. I will go to work at once to solicit from our fellow citizens of this place and neighborhood donations, etc. You will shortly hear from me again.

F. EHMAN.

CAMDEN, S. C., September 21, 1873.

Will do all in our power to aid the Hebrew Theological Institute.

BAUM BROS.

VINCENNES, Ind., September 21, 1873.

. . . I accept with pleasure the duties devolving upon me (as Soliciting Committee), and will use my best endeavors to promote that great and glorious undertaking. . . .

CHAS. SHACHNO.

CAMDEN, Ark., September 23, 1873.

Our congregation will certainly become a member of the Union. I shall also endeavor to collect all I can for the Institute, as I consider it is of great importance to the American Israelites.

S. H. NEWHOUSE.

BOSTON, Mass., September 24, 1873.

What little I can do shall be most cheerfully done to aid an enterprise for which I have long cherished a hope.

GODFREY MORSE.

NEW BRIGHTON, Pa., September 24, 1873.

I shall see what can be done for the best cause that was ever undertaken by the American Jews. I can appreciate it, and wish only that every Jew would think as much of it as I do, then success would be sure, and Dr. Wise would not need to fire them up every week in the *Israelite*.

M. SCHIFF.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., September 24, 1873.

I will do all in my power to get funds for the cause which we are all working for.

SIMON HIRSH.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., September 25, 1873.

I have done some work in this matter, and expect to get a good list of yearly contributions.

M. JOSEPH.

DOVER, N. J., Oct. 7, 1873.

Mr. Lipman Levy.—DEAR SIR,—I have received your blank subscription papers with pleasure, forwarded by you to me for the purpose of establishing a Jewish Theological Institute, which I hope will meet with great success. As we have no congregation here, I called the few of our co-religionists together to join hands with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to assist in establishing a Jewish college, by contributing for its maintenance, as much as the ability of our co-religionists will permit, resulting by a unanimous vote to help all that is in our power.

With great respect, and wishing you all success,

I remain, yours truly,

H. SIMON.

CHARLESTON, S C., Nov. 3, 1873.

Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

DEAR SIR,—I have been instructed to notify you, that at a general meeting of the Congregation Beth Elohim commenced in this city, November 2, 1873, the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this congregation become a member of the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations."

I am also directed to procure from you, as early as your leisure will permit, the papers requisite to be executed by our congregation, in order to enable our members to co-operate in the proposed laudable enterprise. These, with any information you may furnish me in reference to the subject-matter, will be laid before the Board of Trustees, at their next regular meeting.

It affords me much pleasure to be the medium of informing you that our congregation regard the project as one that commends itself to the heart and mind of our co-religionists throughout the entire country. They believe that our ancestors guarding our sacred temple with arms in their hands, were not engaged in a more holy cause; for you are striving to uphold and exalt the temple of the Jewish mind, and to give prosperity to that faith which drew the majesty of Heaven from the harp of David, and wrapt Isaiah's hallowed soul in fire.

With sincere wishes for the early establishment and complete success of your noble purpose, I remain, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

NATHANIEL LEVIN,

Secretary and Treasurer Kaal Kadosh Beth Elohim.

CHICAGO, Nov. 10, 1873.

L. Levy, Esq., Secretary of Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR,—Well knowing the aims and purposes of the Union, it needs no assurance that I am addicted to them with heart and soul, and shall also, in the future, continue to work for that great and noble undertaking as I did hitherto.

As a minister of the only congregation in Chicago, which had sent its delegates to the Convention (Kehilath Anshe Mayriv), I shall not need great endeavors to gain the members for the Union, as there is not one opposing voice expected in the next meeting, which soon will be held on that account; besides, I promise, that whenever I shall have the opportunity, I shall feel happy, as much as lies in my feeble power, to advocate the establishment of a Hebrew Theological Institute in the vicinity of Chicago.

Respectfully,

DR. M. MACHOL.

ALBANY, Nov. 10, 1873.

Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—Your circular and pamphlet came to hand, and I perused them with great pleasure, though it was nothing new to me. To the three questions of your circular, I answer, Yes! with all my heart and soul. I shall do all that is in my power to have my congregation join the Union. Hoping and wishing for success to your great undertaking,

I remain, yours, very respectfully,

DR. M. SCHLESINGER.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 11, 1873.

Mr. L. Levy, Cincinnati, Ohio.—DEAR SIR,—Your circular and pamphlet are received. I would say to you, that I am an ardent and most zealous advocate of the College and the Union.

I have always advocated the cause of the College, from the pulpit and otherwise, and will do so in the future. I will also be willing and ready to visit the towns and cities in my vicinity, and deliver lectures in behalf of Union and the College. There is little doubt in my mind that my congregation will join the Union before long. The question will come up again at the next general congregational meeting. The sectional lines between East and West are not yet disregarded as they

should be. I say frankly, it was a mistake when the call was issued to exclude the East. In such a great undertaking as Union and College, there ought to be no difference of opinion, no strife and discord; for we are all brethren, working for the perpetuation of Judaism. I regret to say, that I know but very few of my Eastern colleagues advocating the Union. This is however no reason that I should do the same. I am with heart and soul for the College, convinced as I am that the success of our glorious cause depends upon light and progress. We need educated rabbis to advocate the same, who speak English, and are well acquainted with our customs, etc. I have already, more than a year ago, expressed the idea that it would be advisable to engage a few intelligent ministers to travel through the entire country to lecture and speak of the necessity of the College, and to convene at once a meeting of the congregation in order to join the Union, and to obtain subscriptions. This would secure success in a year. People wait and wait, and a local committee is never active enough.

I will do all in my power for the College. You can place my name on record as one of the most ardent advocates.

God grant you success. Stand firm at your post. All opposition will pass finally away, and you will be rewarded for your labor; nay, more, future generations will honor you and those of the founders of the College.

Very truly,

J. WECHSLER,
101 Court Street, New Haven, Conn.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., 11. November 1873.

Hr. Sipman Levy, Cincinnati.

Wertoer Herr!

In Beantwortung Ihrer geehrten Zuschrift vom 7. d. Mts. theile ich Ihnen mit, daß ich bereit bin, Ihre Unternehmung in Betreff der „Union of American Hebrew Congregations“ nach Kräften zu unterstützen. Meine Gemeinde hat bei der jüngsten Versammlung bereits ein Committee ernannt, um bei der nächsten Specialversammlung Berichte und Vorschläge zu die em Zwecke einzubringen.

Achtungsvoll zeichnet Ihr ergebenster,

Herman Rubin.

Richmond, Va., 13. November 1873.

M. Roth, Präsident, Cincinnati.

Sehr geehrter Herr!

Ihre geehrten Zuschriften sind mir seinerzeit geworden, und wenn ich erst

heute Ihnen antworte, so bitte ich Sie mir zu glauben, daß Verhältnisse einer Art mich verhinderten, früher meine herzlichste Mitwirkung Ihnen zuzusagen.

Ich glaube stets, und bin noch heute der Ansicht, daß die verschiedenen Plattformen der Neuzeit dem Judenthume wenig zum Segen gereichten. Orthodorie oder Reform, welche einzig und allein das Essen und Beten beeinflussen, füllen das Bestreben des Judenthums nicht aus.

Das amerikanische Goluth (freie Judenthum) hat eine höhere Mission zu erfüllen, (wie wohl ich nie trefsoth esse und wahrhaftig genug bete) und muß daher wieder auf die alte Plattform gestellt werden. Sie ist die des Kennens und Wissens. Die Unwissenheit kann keinen Glorienschein von der Orthodorie erhalten, oder von der Reform gedeckt werden.

Ich begrüße daher freudig Ihren hochherzigen Plan für die Israeliten Amerika's eine jüdische Hochschule zu gründen. Die Wissenschaft kennt keine lokalisirte und begrenzte Heimath, sie kennt keinen Osten, Westen, Norden oder Süden, sie ist göttlichen Ursprunges und „sie wird nicht von der Welt erfüllt, sondern erfüllt, befruchtet und beglückt die Welt.“

Sabne, Bethear, Rehara etc. haben nicht als solche die Wissenschaft des Judenthums gefördert, sondern die Hochschulen daselbst haben den Städten Unsterblichkeit in den Annalen des Judenthums gesichert.

Sie, geehrter Herr Präsident, können daher sicher auf meine thätige Mitwirkung rechnen, wo immer auch der Sitz dieser Hochschule sein sollte.

Ich habe vor nahe sieben Jahren—damals noch ein Grüner—das Maimonides-Collegium gründen helfen, und habe fleißig und thätig in demselben gelehrt, heute bei reiferer Erfahrung und besserer Bekanntschaft mit den Interessen des Landes, will ich mit verdoppelter Freude meine schwachen Kräfte denen weihen, welche Wissenschaft und Cultur im Judenthum zu verbreiten, in so edler Weise willens sind.

Ich glaube, ich könnte ihrem Plane in Virginien, Nord-Carolina und in den andern Nachbarstaaten nützlich werden.

Bezeichnen Sie, geehrter Herr, mir den Wirkungsstrich und Sie sollen mich bald auf meinem Posten sehen. Bzüglich der Reiseloosen (denn nur diese würde ich annehmen) erbitte ich mir Ihre Vorschläge.

Gott segne Sie!

Ich bin mit Herz und Seele der Ihrige,

Dr. A. S. Bettelheim, Rabbiner.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., November 17, 1873.

Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—In answer to the circular of your worthy committee, I feel happy to state in correspondence to your queries:—

I. I undoubtedly and fully approve of the generous and prac-

tical aims of the Union, and wish your worthy committee a hearty
 "שֶׁר כּוֹחַ"

II. My congregation has long ago—as you know—declared to be a member of the Union, and has been represented in the Convention.

III. If called upon in proper manner, I will most heartily lecture and advocate on behalf of Union and the Hebrew Theological Institute.

Hoping that you will succeed in making the *Union* universal and not only for the West, by which alone something substantial and lasting can be effected,

I am, dear sir, and gentlemen of the committee,

Most respectfully and cordially yours,

M. FLUEGEL,

Rabbi of Cong. Anshe Emeth.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., November 19, 1873.

Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your communication of the 7th inst., to invite my co-operation in furthering the aims and objects contemplated by the Union, I cheerfully assure you, as already stated to you in my letter of September 10, that I am with full heart and soul for the noble enterprise of the Union of the American Hebrew Congregations, and that I heartily approve of the aims and purposes, as set forth in the report of the proceedings of their first Convention.

Your second question, in your communication, I can answer by the action of our Congregation "B'nai Jehudah," which, through the little influence I possess, at a special meeting, on the evening of Thursday, the 31st inst., has by a unanimous vote joined the Congregational Union. The Secretary of our congregation will inform you of this action officially in a few days, so I sincerely hope, link by link will be joined, until nearly all the congregations of this our blessed country will form one great unbreakable chain, for the purpose of a united action of all the congregations, to promote that great and glorious undertaking—the establishment of a Hebrew Theological Institute.

Heartily sympathising with this glorious object, as verbally stated a few weeks ago, while sojourning in your city, to your noble and worthy President, Mr. M. Loth, you can rest assured that I will use my best endeavors to further this noble cause.

With highest regards, I am most respectfully yours,

B. A. FEINEMAN.

FROM SIR MOSES MONTEFIORE.

EAST CLIFF LODGE, RAMSGATE, December 9, 1873.

To M. Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed letter, dated October the 3d, accompanied by a copy of the proceedings of the first General Convention and by-laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, adopted at the session, and in your city, on July 8, 9, and 10, 1873.

I need scarcely assure you the great pleasure I felt on seeing the motto you have chosen—**וּתְלַמֵּד תּוֹרָה כְּנֶגֶד כָּל־ם**; it appeared to me, when I read your letter, just as if, in the words of your excellent Vice-President, the Shofar had sounded from hill to hill, and from valley to valley—**בֵּית יַעֲקֹב לָכוּ וְנִלְכָּה בְּאֹרֶה**; and I sincerely wish you all the success which the holy cause deserves.

I regret not being able to comply with your request, regarding the library you are anxious to secure for your college. Our own communities in England are now exerting themselves to have libraries in all their institutions, and will not, I am afraid, lend a willing ear to my representations on this subject.

I think you will have no difficulty in procuring a beautiful library from the resources you have in your country, and you can easily secure the best works from Europe, by making known your intentions to distinguished authors in various parts of the world, who, I have no doubt, will be glad to deposit their works in your college, for the benefit of the rising generation.

With best thanks for the friendly sentiments you were pleased to express toward me, and with fervent prayers for the welfare of all our brethren in America, including yourself and the members of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations,

I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

MOSES MONTEFIORE.

STOCKTON, Cal., February 12, 1874.

M. Loth, Esq., President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

. . . DEAR SIR,—I most heartily approve of any Union which may tend to promote the harmony of our Congregations in the land, and

a more concentrated action for the enlightenment of our people, which I would labor to preserve those landmarks of Jewish identity, which were the glory of our fathers and distinguish us as a people. As to the questions distinctly propounded by your circular, so far as my circumstances allow (being at present without a settlement), I answer affirmatively to them all. The purpose is good and should be liberally carried out, and when I say liberally, I intend not only as means of support, but in spirit and in truth, and in view to the enlightenment of the present century. . . .

I am, dear sir, most respectfully,

H. LOEWENTHAL.

CINCINNATI, April 5, 1874.

Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your requests in behalf of the Hebrew Theological College, you may be assured of my co-operation, and that I will do all that is in my power to promote this sacred task of the Congregational Union.

Among the many noble works of charity and piety achieved already by our faithful brethren for the preservation and growth of our holy religion on this blessed soil of liberty, I consider the establishment of the Hebrew Theological College to be the foremost in generosity and blessings. Not only for its being the training-school for teachers and rabbis, and a shelter and depository of Jewish knowledge, which alone ought to command the highest consideration of every son of Israel, but moreover for its representing a cemental power mostly adapted to unite all faithful hearts of the present generation, scattered asunder in our vast country, into a pulsive strain of religious love and brotherhood, as well as to establish a bond, connecting our glorious history of the past with that destined to be carried on by our posterity.

I, therefore, as a servant of our spiritual commonwealth, mindful of the sentiments uttered in God's behests by the congregational Union, and of the sacred genius which inspires her founders, the perpetual ornament of our race in this country, I shall be happy to serve their cause as if being mine own, and I have the honor to answer all your requests in the affirmative.

Respectfully yours,

JULIUS GOLDAMMER,
Minister Congregation Ahavath Achim

VESTRY-ROOM, CONGREGATION TEMPLE BETH ZION,

BUFFALO, June 10, 1874.

Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—At the annual meeting of the congregation, it was unanimously resolved :

“That this congregation join ‘the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and confirm to its Constitution and By-laws as adopted at the General Convention held in Cincinnati, July, 1873. It is exceedingly gratifying to send you our greetings from the ‘Empire State’ on the eve of your General Convention, and we cherish the hope that the high and noble aim of the Union may ere long awaken the interest of every Hebrew congregation in the land, and cause them to participate in your undertaking.”

I have the honor to remain, very respectfully,

SIEGMUND LEVYN, Sec'y.

BOARD OF DELEGATES OF AMERICAN ISRAELITES.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 243 BROADWAY, }
NEW YORK, June 25, 1874. }

Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati.

DEAR SIR,—By direction of the Executive Committee of this Board, I acknowledge the receipt of your telegram, which, unfortunately, did not reach us until several days after the Convention.

The committee cordially reciprocate the good wishes expressed in behalf of the “Union,” and will be happy to learn of the progress and accomplishment of the work undertaken by your organization for the benefit of Israel.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. ISAACS, Sec'y.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources, for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1874.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1873.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	FOR WHAT TIME.	AMOUNT.
Nov. 7	Adath Israel	Owensboro, Ky.....	one year	\$ 13 00
" "	Bene Israel	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	half "	87 50
" 9	Bene Yeshurun.....	" "	" "	100 00
" 11	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, Ohio...	" "	14 50
" 19	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton, " "	one "	40 00
" "	Ohev Zedukah	Springfield, " "	half "	7 00
" 21	Benai Israel.....	Columbus, " "	" "	20 00
" 28	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash, Ind.	one "	15 00
Dec'r 10	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, Ohio	half "	25 00
" "	Benai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa	" "	9 00
" "	Bene Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	" "	33 50
" "	Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis, Ind.....	" "	29 00
" 14	Heb. Educational Society...	Charleston, W. Va ...	" "	10 50
" 15	Beth Israel.....	Louisville, Ky	" "	29 50
" 22	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	" "	30 00
1874				
Jan'y 8	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago, Ill.....	one "	120 00
" 15	Meadville Heb. Society.....	Meadville, Pa.	" "	20 00
" "	Adas Israel	Louisville, Ky.....	half "	85 00
" 18	Benai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa	one "	25 00
" 20	Tifereth Israel	Cleveland, Ohio.....	half "	42 00
" 29	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn	" "	45 50
Feb. 6	Heb. Benevolent Society*..	Vincennes, Ind.....	" "	6 50
" 11	Benai Yeshurun.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	one "	15 00
" "	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria, La.....	" "	40 00
" 12	Benai Yeshurun.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	half "	11 50
" 26	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga	" "	23 00
March 3	Bnai Sholem	Quincy, Ill.....	" "	28 00
" 12	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, Ohio.....	one "	12 00
" 15	Or Zion.....	Peru, Ind.....	" "	13 00
" 17	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	half "	87 50
" "	Bene Yeshurun	" "	" "	100 00
" 30	Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches, La...	" "	8 00
" "	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden, Ark	one "	18 00
April 9	Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	" "	70 00
" 12	Benai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	half "	9 00
" 13	Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis, Ind.....	" "	25 00
" 14	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga	" "	23 00
" 17	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.	one "	60 00
" 2	Bnai Sholem.....	Quincy, Ill.....	half "	29 00
" 30	Bnai Israel.....	Natchitoches, La	" "	8 00
" "	Ohev Zedukah	Springfield Ohio.....	" "	7 50
May 8	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus " "	" "	19 50
" 11	Heb. Educational Society...	Charleston, W. Va...	" "	10 50
" 15	Bnai Israel	Natchez, Miss.....	" "	18 50
" 18	Sherith Israel	Cincinnati, Ohio	" "	30 00
" 19	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, Ohio...	" "	14 50
" "	Emanuel	Grand Rapids, Mich.	one "	24 00
" 20	Bnai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	half "	32 00

* Since re-organized as Congregation Benai Israel.

1874.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	FOR WHAT TIME.	AMOUNT.
May 27	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	half year	\$ 45 50
June 4	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	" "	85 00
" 5	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	" "	26 00
" 7	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	" "	42 00
" 18	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	one "	40 00
" 19	Beth Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	half "	29 50
" 20	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	" "	6 00
" 14	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville, Ohio.....	one "	20 00
" 25	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo, N. Y.	" "	70 00
" "	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus, Ga.....	" "	44 00
" 27	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	half "	14 00
				\$1966 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Collected by Henry Adler, Esq., at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

1873.			
July 12.	Louis Adler.....		\$1 00
	Jacob C. Wiles.....		1 00
	Albert Schwartz.....		1 00
	Simon Kaufman.....		1 00
	Louis Stine.....		1 00
	S. Strasburger.....		1 00
	William Steinschneider.....		1 00
	Joseph Mooney, Jr.....		1 00

Collected by S. Samuels, Esq., at Columbus, Ind.

Sept. 5.	S. Samuels.....	2 50
	F. Fogel.....	2 50
	S. Ki-er.....	1 00
	L. Kaufman.....	1 00
	L. Samuels.....	1 00
	A. Frohman.....	2 00
	S. B. Samuels.....	1 00
	L. Silverman.....	1 00
	L. King.....	1 00
	S. Rosenhime.....	1 00
	D. Samuels.....	1 00
	Solomon Klein.....	1 00
	Samuel Klein.....	1 00
	Max Good.....	50

Collected by Kahn & Bros., at Charleston, Ills.

Sept. 10.	Charles Lichten, Jr.....	1 00
	Adolph Lichten.....	1 00
	Kahn & Bros.....	2 00

Collected by Joseph Kronthal, Esq., at Sandusky, Ohio.

Sept. 12.	L. Monat.....	3 00
	M. Lebensburger.....	3 00
	Joseph Kronthal.....	3 00
	G. Hart.....	3 00
	Joseph Kugel.....	2 00
	Jacob Kronthal.....	2 00

Sept. 12.	N. Bear	\$3 00
	D. Frohman.....	2 00
	Joseph Wertheimer	2 00

Collected by G. A. Levi, Esq., at Victoria, Texas.

Oct. 14.	G. A. Levi	3 00
	Abr. Levi	5 00
	Henry Levy.....	5 00
	Jacob Apfer	1 00
	Charles Berkowitz	6 00
	Simon Levy	10 00
	Charles A. Wertheimer.....	3 00
	Myer Oppenheimer	3 00
	Louis Rice.....	2 00
	Moses Schwartz.....	3 00
	Louis Halpin	1 00
	Henry Halpin	3 00
	Louis Schwartz ..	2 00

Collected by Jacob Miller, Esq., Meadville, Pa.

1874.

Jan. 15	I. N. Klein	1 00
	Samuel H. Klein	1 00
	C. B. Sondheimer.....	1 00

April 6.	Joseph Salzer, Carlisle, Ky.....	10 00
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Collected by E. Nahm, Esq., at Bowling Green, Ky.

April 20.	E. Nahm	5 00
	Joseph Max.....	5 00
	Moses Sabel	5 00
	B. Nahm	5 00
	M. Levy	5 00
	Simon Hart.....	5 00
	A. Seiffer	5 00
	L. Kahn	5 00
	D. Brunswick	5 00
	M. Nahm	5 00
	Wm. Jelenko.....	5 00
	Samuel Nahm.....	5 00

\$172 00

DONATIONS.

1873.

Sept. 24.	Sol. Levy, Eatenton, Ga	\$5 00
Nov. 13,	Simon Lotheimer, Batavia, N. Y.	2 00
Dec. 1.	Abraham Sussman, Bellefonte, Pa ..	20 00

Collected by Joseph Alexander, Louisiana, Mo.

Dec. 11,	Joseph Alexander	5 00
	Lessem & Bro	5 00
	Lewis J. Reinheim ..	1 00
	Morris Wilczyuski	1 00
	F. Harris.....	1 00
	Marcus Morris	50
	Phillipp Zuzack	1 00
	Joseph Younker	1 50

Dec. 11.	Mike Michael	\$1 00
	E. Michael.....	2 00
	G. M. Baer	1 00
	Isaac Gensberger.....	1 00
	A. Bloch & Bro.	1 00
	E. Younker.....	1 00
	F. Fishell.....	2 00

Collected by Jacob Straus, Esq., at Ligonier, Ind.

Dec. 23.	Jacob Straus	5 00
	Sol Mann	5 00
	F. W. Strauss	5 00
	Jonas Scheuer, Kendallville, Ind.....	3 00
	Joseph Hyman, " "	2 00
	Leopold Frankel " "	1 00
	M. M. Rittenbund	1 00
	L. Schloss	1 00
	N. Nathan	1 00
	J. Straus, Jr. & Co.....	2 00
	Nathan Michael.....	1 00
	Edward Berck	1 00
	J. Decker	2 00
	Herrman Nathan.....	1 00
	P. H. Magnus.....	1 00
	H. Sax.....	1 00
	S. Ackerman.....	1 00
	David Selig	1 00
	A. Hohenstein	1 00
	M. Jacobs	1 00
	A. Goldsmith	1 00
	I. Jacobs	1 00
	M. Straus	1 00

Collected by S. Goodman, Esq., at Lynchburgh, Va.

1874.		
Jan. 8.	Charles Burk.....	1 00
	D. Regensburger, New York City	1 00
	Julius Frank.....	1 00
	Julius Bissinger	1 00
	Moses Schloss	1 00
	I. G. Mayer, Santiago de Cuba	1 00
	S. Strause.....	1 00
	Maurice Guggenheim.....	1 00
Jan. 8.	Samuel Burk	1 00
	Manes Hamburger	1 00
	Ralph Hamersly	1 00
	Joseph Cohen	1 00
	M. Guggenheim, Sr.....	50
	Fred Guggenheim, (Baltimore, Md.)	1 00
	Benjamin Goodman	1 00
	S. Goodman	1 00

Collected by Isaac Jacob, Esq., at Natchitoches, La.

	Henry M. Levy.....	5 00
	Edward Phillips.....	5 00
	Isaac Jacob.....	5 00
	S. L. Wimmer	5 00
	L. Caspari	5 00
	H. Lichtenstein	5 00
	John Harris	5 00

Jan. 8.	Harris Jaffa	\$5 00
	Joe Barnett	5 00
	Samuel Caspari	2 50
	Joseph Levy	2 00
	Kahn & Levy	2 50

Collected by A. Reiter, Esq., of Greensburg, Ind.

Jan. 15.	A. Reiter	150 00
	I. & F. Rothschild, Milford, Ind.	10 00
	M. Myers, Morristown, Ind.	25 00
	J. Bloch, Rushville, Ind.	15 00
Jan. 27.	Wm. Goldstone, Shelbyville, Illinois,	10 00
	Max. Kleeman, " "	10 00
	E. Moses, " "	5 00
	Master M. Kleeman, " "	1 00
	" Sam. Kleeman, " "	1 00
	H. Cottlow, " "	3 00
	Morris Cottlow, " "	2 50
	Phillip Eppstein, " "	1 00
	Ben. Goldstone, Peoria, Ill.	10 00
	G. Kramer. Chicago, Ill.	10 00

Collected by Jacob Miller, Esq., at Meadville, Pa.

Jan. 15.	M. H. Reefer	5 00
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Collected by Nathan Kahn, at Paducah, Ky.

Nathan Kahn	5 00
L. Harris	50
B. Weille	3 00
T. Blum	1 00
A. Goldsmith	2 00
A. Solomon	1 00
M. Adler	1 00
Moses Bloom	1 00
M. Livingston	1 00
Leo. Schwab	50
Jacob Marx	1 00
Cash	1 50

Jan. 15.	M. Danziger, (Rochester, Ind.)	15 00
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Collected by H. E. Sterne, Esq., Peru, Ind.

Mar. 15.	H. E. Sterne	500 00
	C. F. Sterne	150 00
	M. Oppenheimer	25 00
	M. Falk	15 00
	Wm. Levi	10 00
	Henry Stern	10 00
	D. & H. Kittner	10 00
	N. J. Landauer	5 00
	L. Morgenthimer	5 00
	Phillip Warner	5 00
	H. Baer	5 00

Mar. 24.	H. S. Pressburg, Grand Rapids, Mich.	5 00
Mar. 26.	A. Blumenthal, Pomeroy, Ohio.	10 00
Apr. 12.	Isaac Sweitzer, Fincastle, Va.	5 00

Collected by A. Salinger, Esq., at Aberdeen, Miss.

May 5.	C. Gattman	\$10 00
	A. Feldman	1 00

Collected by Charles Schachno, Esq., at Vincennes, Ind.

June 4.	Charles Schachno	5 00
	G. Weinstein	5 00
	Bernstein	1 00
	A. Levy	1 00
	I. Bitterman	1 00
	Abraham Gimbel	5 00
	Samuel Gimbel	5 00
	M. Baswitz	1 00
	Carl Gimbel	5 00
	Henry Ettlinger	1 00
	Morris Mendelsohn	1 00
	P. Werner	1 00
	I. H. Liebschutz	5 00
	Isaac Lyons	1 00

June 22.	C. Schoenhals, Cincinnati, Ohio	10 00
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\$1270 50

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1873.		
July 12	M Bettman, Esq., Chairman Committee of Arrangements for entertaning Convention : unexpended balance.....	\$19 45
1874.		
June 29.	Proceeds of gold interest on \$2000 U. S. 5-20 bonds.....	66 60
		\$86 05

RECAPITULATION.

Dues from Congregations.....	\$1966 00
Annual Subscription	172 00
Donations	1270 50
Miscellaneous.....	86 05
Total Receipts.....	\$3494 55

DISBURSEMENTS.

(For details see Proceedings of Executive Board.)

Blank Books, Printing and Stationery	\$365 00
Postage	113 13
Office Furniture and Fixtures	53 00
Jewish Periodicals	29 00
Invested in U. S. 5-20 Bonds.....	2000 00
Premium on " " "	389 37
Miscellaneous.....	98 16
Total	\$3047 66
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$446 89
U. S. 5-20 Bonds deposited in Safe Deposit Com- pany, Cincinnati, O.....	2000 00
Total Cash and Bonds on hand,	\$2446 89
Of which \$13 59 belongs to the General Fund, and \$1111 30 belong to the Sinking Fund.	

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The foregoing report has been prepared for the purpose of laying before you only a simple statement of facts connected with our cause, as they have come to my knowledge in my official capacity, and I trust that whatever defects may be found therein will be attributed to the want of being able to follow any previous plan—this being the first general organization of Hebrew Congregations in America.

In conclusion I would earnestly invoke the aid of the officers and members of congregations to assist by their active and prompt co-operation in realizing the grand and noble objects which the Union has undertaken to accomplish; for while all honor and praise are due to those earnest and sincere men of our faith who have in this country succeeded in uniting our brethren in the bonds of a closer fraternity for good and praiseworthy objects, the task of maintaining our religion in its full strength and integrity must remain, as it has ever done, with THE CONGREGATIONS.

Respectfully submitted.

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES,—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1874.

	GEN. FUND.	SINK'G FUND
Cash received from Lipman Levy, Secretary,	\$2190 75	1303 80
Orders paid Nos. 1 to 18, both inclusive	1855 16	1192 50
Balance on hand	\$335 59	\$111 30

Respectfully submitted.

MAX HELLMAN, Treasurer.

On motion, it was resolved that Articles IX and X of the By-laws adopted by the Executive Board be approved.

On motion, it was ordered that the sessions of the Council be held hereafter from nine to twelve o'clock in the forenoon, and from half-past two until six o'clock in the afternoon.

A recess was taken for ten minutes to enable the President to select the standing committees.

On reassembling the President announced the following standing committees :

ON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Herman Bamberger, of Indiana.
Adam A. Kramer, of Ohio.
Nathan Bloom, of Kentucky.
Leopold Keiser, of New York.
Emanuel Wertheimer, of Pennsylvania.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Lewis N. Dembitz, of Kentucky.
Bernhard Bettman, of Ohio.
Josiah Cohen, of Pennsylvania.
Philip Heidelberg, of Ohio.
Simon Levy, Jr., of Louisiana.

ON FINANCE.

Julius Freiberg, of Ohio.
Simon Heavenrich, of Michigan.
Isaac Baer, of Missouri.
E. A. Frankland, of Tennessee.
Moses Lamley, of Indiana.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

David J. Workum, of Michigan.
Henry Mack, of Ohio.
David Adler, of Wisconsin.
Theobald David, of Kentucky.
Joseph Gundersheimer, of Ohio.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Max Hellman, of Ohio.
B. A. Feineman, of Missouri.
Simon Meyer, of Indiana.
Nathan New, of Ohio.
Jacob Bloch, of Arkansas.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That so much of the report of the President of the Executive Board as relates to the opening of the Hebrew Theological Institute be referred to the Committee on Theological Institute.

That so much of his report as relates to circuit-preaching be referred to a special committee of five to be appointed by the Chair.

Resolved, That so much of the Secretary's report as relates to Bible publications be referred to the Committee on Publications.

That so much of his report as relates to the receipts and expenditures of the Executive Board be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much of his report as relates to the library be referred to the Committee on Theological Institute.

That the correspondence of the Executive Board and the letter-book of its secretary be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer of the Executive Board be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President appointed the following special committee :

ON CIRCUIT-PREACHING.

Solomon Levi, of Ohio.

Adolph Woolner, of Kentucky.

Magnus Butzel, of Michigan.

Morris H. Reefer, of Pennsylvania.

Samuel Jonas, of Illinois.

On motion of Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise it was resolved that the first hour of the morning session be set apart for the offering of resolutions.

Adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 1874.

The Council met at nine o'clock A. M., President Loth in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by the Rabbinical Conference held in Cleveland, in 1870, be indorsed and adopted by this Council :

1. Because we believe with unshaken faith and firmness in one indivisible and eternal God ; we also believe in the common fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man.

2. We glory in the sublime doctrine of our religion that the righteous of all nations, without distinction of creed, will enjoy eternal life and everlasting happiness.

3. The divine command, the most sublime passage of the

Bible, "Thou shalt love thy fellow-men as thyself," extends to the entire human family, without distinction of either race or creed.

4. Civil and religious liberty, and hence the separation of church and state, are the inalienable rights of men, and we consider them to be the brightest gems in the Constitution of the United States.

5. We love and revere this country as our home and fatherland for us and our children, and therefore consider it our paramount duty to sustain and to support the government and to favor by all means the system of free, unsectarian education, leaving religious instruction to the care of the different denominations.

6. We expect the universal elevation and fraternization of the human family to be achieved by the natural means of science, morality, freedom, justice, and truth.

Mr. Ben May proposed the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all resolutions offered during the first hour of this morning's session shall be referred to the appropriate standing or other committees, without debate.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this Convention for the purpose of conferring with those who have failed to unite in our project, with a view to impressing them with the necessity of joining this Union.

Mr. Theobald David offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations :

Resolved, That congregations belonging to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall alone have the right to appoint or elect proxies. The certificates of such proxies must be in the hands of the Secretary ten days previous to the meeting of the Council.

Mr. Max Hellman offered the following, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Ben May, Abraham Bruckman, Alexander Straus, Jacob Ezekiel, and A. Schwartz.

Whereas, American congregations have established this Union principally with the intent and for the purpose of guarding and watching their future prosperity ; and

Whereas, There appears to exist in many Jewish communities, among adults, and especially among our young men, a deplorable indifference about the existence and maintenance of congregations and Sabbath-schools, which state of affairs, if allowed much longer to continue, must ultimately and surely work destruction to such congregations where this indifference does more or less prevail : therefore,

Resolved, That it becomes the duty of this Union to consider

this matter at an early time, to inquire into the cause thereof, and take such measures and to enact such laws as will tend not only to remove the evil, but also to raise the moral and religious ambition of our young men and bring about new life and a new spirit into the hearts of our rising generation, that they may become willing contributors toward elevating the standard of our holy religion and toward maintaining our congregations; also,

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to consider and report thereon during this session of the Convention.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise offered a series of resolutions, in reference to the organization and government of a Hebrew Theological Institute, which were referred to the Committee on Theological Institute, to which he was added.

The following resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. Wise were adopted:

Resolved, That all committees appointed by any Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with instructions to report at the next Council, shall report in the *interim* to the Executive Board, and such reports are to be added to the annual reports of the said Board to the next Council.

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five to report to the next Council on the probable improvement and unification of the Sabbath-schools—such committee to enter upon correspondence with prominent teachers and directors of Sabbath-schools, to ascertain, especially—

1. The studies to be introduced in each Sabbath-school.
2. The time to be devoted weekly to each respective study in each class.
3. The existing English text-books for these studies and their lowest price for the use of schools.
4. Where the necessity of text-books exists, and how to be obtained best and cheapest.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. Dr. Wise, was referred to the Committee on Publications:

Resolved, That the President appoint a committee of five to report to the next Council the statistics of all books and periodicals and all music composed by American Israelites.

The following proposition, offered by Rev. Dr. Wise, was on motion laid on the table:

The Council may resolve, and add to the standing rules, that no member of the Council be elected to more than one office at the

same time, or be appointed to serve on more than one committee in the same Council.

Also, the following propositions which were referred to the Committee on Finance :

1. Any person having donated and paid over \$1000 or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, shall be named a Patron of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the institution which is the recipient of said donation, and said Patron shall be an honorary member of the Council, and of the board governing that particular institution.

2. Any person having donated and paid over \$500 or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, shall be named a Patron of that institution, and shall be an honorary member of the board thereof.

3. Honorary members, as such, cast no vote in the body in which they enjoy that distinction.

4. Any person having donated and paid over \$500 or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with the proviso that the day of death (*Jahrzeit*) of the person designated shall annually be remembered and distinguished according to religious custom, shall have his name inscribed, together with all particulars of the proviso, in a Book of Memorial to be kept for this specific purpose by the Executive Board ; and the day designated shall be so remembered and distinguished annually in the institution which shall be the recipient of such donation, and such donor shall have no claim or other privileges granted in this proposition.

5. Any person having donated and paid over \$5000 or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall be entitled to all the privileges granted in the foregoing points of this proposition.

6. The Executive Board shall have lithographed a suitable diploma, to be filled out, signed, and sealed by the officers thereof, and delivered to every donor as prescribed heretofore.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Whereas, At the second Constitutional Convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, held at Chicago, January, 1864, certain resolutions were passed in reference to the contribution of a suitable work of statuary to the Centennial Exposition on the part of the Israelites of the United States, and a committee was appointed to confer with and solicit co-operation from the Israelites at large throughout the United States, for the consummation of this object ; and

Whereas, The Centennial Committee of the I. O. B. B. has concluded arrangements with the American Jewish sculptor, M. Ezekiel,

for the execution of this work of art, which, as designed, is to represent the idea of "Religious Liberty:" and

Whereas, It is the province and duty of this Convention to signalize its appreciation of this noble project, which is to perpetuate in enduring manner the testimony of our love and recognition of liberty and freedom of conscience in this blessed land: therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in convention assembled, does hereby signify its affiliation with the movement toward contributing this testimonial to the Centennial Exposition on the part of the Israelites of the United States.

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to co-operate with such other committees as are or may be appointed from other Jewish organizations for the purpose of carrying into effect this worthy project.

Rev. Dr. L. Meyer offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Circuit-preaching:

Resolved, That at every session of the Council, two or more Orators be appointed to deliver addresses on subjects connected with the U. A. H. C.

On motion the proposition made by Rev. Dr. Wise, which had been laid on the table, was taken up and referred to the Committee on Publications.

The Committee on Publications presented the following report:

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.

Your Committee on Publications begs leave to report: We find in the report of the Executive Board a report made by a committee of that body on the subject of a cheap Bible, and make that report a basis of our own.

We are clearly of the opinion that the Union should accept the offer made by Dr. Abraham DeSola to furnish it with twenty-five hundred copies (or more, if needed) of the Sabbath-school edition of Leeser's English Bible, at ninety cents apiece, and that the Executive Board, which is to be appointed at this Council, be authorized to make the necessary contracts and disbursements for that purpose.

That the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated to cover possible losses.

That the different congregations composing this Union be authorized and requested to act as local aid societies for the diffusion and sale of the Bible.

We are also of the opinion that nothing more should be done at the present session of the Council in the way of authorizing publica-

tions, and that the next Executive Board should have no power to order any publications of a religious or educational character.

LEWIS N. DEMBITZ, Chairman.
 PHILIP HEIDELBACH,
 B. BETTMANN,
 JOSIAH COHEN,
 S. LEVY, JR., Committee.

Mr. Henry Mack moved to add a proviso that no Bibles shall be purchased until 1500 copies shall have been subscribed for. A motion to postpone the whole subject until the meeting of the Council in 1875 was lost. Mr. Philip Heidelberg moved an amendment, which was adopted, to strike out the words "twenty-five hundred" and insert in place thereof the words "one thousand," and the report as amended was then adopted.

An invitation was accepted from Congregations Tifereth Israel and Anshe Chesed of this city for a carriage ride and entertainment at five o'clock this evening, and the thanks of the Council were tendered for the courtesy.

A recess was taken until 2½ o'clock P. M.

On reassembling, the President announced the following as the Committee on Sabbath-schools: Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Henry Mack, Moses Halle, I. Reinthal, and M. Hirshberg.

The Secretary read a telegram from J. Shields, President of the Hebrew Educational Society of Charleston, Virginia, expressing the regret of that organization at the sickness of their delegate-elect, which prevented his attendance at the Council; also a letter from the Congregation Anshe Mayriv, of Chicago, appointing A. Aub as their representative; also the following from Rev. J. Wechsler, of Mishkan Israel Congregation, of New Haven:

"To the President and Members of the Congregations of the American Union, now in Convention assembled:

"I had intended to attend the meetings of your convention, but official duties prevent my leaving here at this time. I wish therefore to say to you all that I am with heart and soul for the Union and every measure connected with it. I hope that your deliberations will be conducted with wisdom, and that all American congregations may be united in the noble work of education and progress. It is a mystery to me how there can be geographical lines drawn in the establishment of a college for the education of the future leaders of Israel, for we all in common share the glory of our sacred religion. The East, however, will not for a long time remain unrepresented, and I see

already the time approaching when the East and the West, the South and North, will firmly support the American Union. I am convinced myself that my congregation—Mishkan Israel—will be represented at your next meeting. I would suggest to you that such meeting might be held to advantage in one of our Eastern cities, where it is hoped every congregation will join in the chorus—‘Our Union, forever and inseparable!’ We have long enough been disunited; we have long enough forgotten the lessons of modern as well as of ancient history, but in union there is strength; our rabbis and teachers have not worked harmoniously together, and now let the congregations teach them a lesson; let us unite all Israel, and God will favor our cause; let there be no delay in the measures proposed. The commencement made and our means will be ample to meet every demand. I will be willing and ready to serve the cause of our Union in every way possible. My best wishes follow you. Only be firm and steadfast, and depart not from the measures proposed.

“Your obedient servant,

“REV. J. WECHSLER.”

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted :

CLEVELAND, July 15, 1874.

To the Officers and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your committee, to whom was referred the books of Secretary and Treasurer for examination, beg leave to report they have performed that duty thoroughly and find same correct in every particular.

Very respectfully submitted.

JULIUS FREIBERG,
A. E. FRANKLAND,
SIMON HEAVENRICH,
ISAAC BAER,
MOSES LAMLEY,

Committee.

The same committee presented a report favoring the adoption of the proposition offered by Rev. Dr. Wise, in reference to donors, which report was adopted.

The Committee on Reports of Congregations presented the following report, which was adopted :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Mr. Wertheimer, in reference to conferring with those who have not joined

the Union, recommend that this resolution be referred to the Executive Board, which has, during the last year, and will and must hereafter, exert itself to attain the great object.

MAX HELLMAN, Chairman.
B. A. FEINEMAN,
J. BLOCH,
S. MEYER,
N. NEW, Committee.

The same committee presented a report on Mr. David's resolution in reference to proxies, which was amended and adopted to read as follows :

Resolved, That the representatives selected, but unable to attend the Council, may appoint a proxy ; but the certificate of such appointment must be attested by the secretary of the congregation, and bear its corporate seal.

Written authority being presented to that effect, Mr. J. Rohrheimer was recognized as representative in place of Mr. L. Silverman, and Mr. Joseph Halle in place of Mr. M. Hilb.

The Committee on Correspondence reported that the resolutions offered by Mr. Kramer, in reference to the Centennial of American Independence, be adopted and referred to the Executive Board, which report was adopted.

A motion was made and laid over for future action that the next annual meeting of the Council be held in Buffalo, N. Y.

Messrs. Julius Freiberg and Philip Heidelbach were appointed a committee to canvass for subscriptions in aid of the Theological Institute during the sessions of the Council.

Adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 16, 1874.

The Council met at nine o'clock A. M., President Loth in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. Samfield.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. S. Heavenrich being obliged to leave the city, was granted leave of absence for the rest of the session.

Mr. P. Heidelbach, from the committee to circulate the " Book

of Memorial" among the representatives to the Council, reported that it would be inexpedient to do so, and recommended that the book be forwarded to the various congregations belonging to the Union, to be circulated there by committees.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Circuit-preaching presented the following report:

To the President, Officers, and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN,—The undersigned committee to whom was referred that part of the President's report relating to Circuit-preaching (pages two and three of said report), beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee enters fully into the spirit which dictated the *pious wish* of attending to the spiritual wants of those scattered co-religionists and small congregations, located all over the broad land, who by reason of isolation or want of means are deprived of religious encouragement, through proper qualified ministers.

However, this objection stares us in the face before we can come to a conclusion: "To impress mankind at large with the great lessons of Judaism" will require certain preachers not only of the highest learning, liberal views, discerning the eternal truth of Judaism from the chaff of ceremonial and obsolete custom, but chief of all a thorough acquaintance with the English language, so that they have the means to communicate what they know, and impart the truth in an acceptable form. Such men are at present very scarce and consequently expensive. It is hoped that the establishment of the proposed Theological Seminary will modify, in time to come, this objection by furnishing a number of fully qualified ministers, when the theme under consideration can be fully carried out.

Too long already has the American Israelite neglected the dissemination of his creed among his own people, and your committee can not recommend to postpone the subject by a simple negative or further excuse.

Your committee, therefore, recommends the following as a feasible plan to accommodate itself to our present circumstances:

Let there be issued frequent appeals and "winged sermons" directed to every Israelite in the land, particularly to such as live away from the influence of congregations, trying to arouse them to the importance of forming or joining Jewish societies or congregations, and as such join and contribute to this Union and thereby enable it to work in behalf of the cause—such publications to be issued under the auspices and at the expense of this Union.

Let the Executive Board of the Union be empowered to engage the services of competent ministers to deliver sermons at such places where there is no permanent engaged rabbi, provided that there shall be no other pecuniary expense to this Union than traveling expenses, and it is specially recommended that such minister will act also in behalf of the Union and also procure subscriptions in aid of the Theological Seminary.

Encourage such congregations as are too poor to pay a minister for themselves alone, to join with other congregations and Jewish bodies living nearest them in securing a minister who shall be appointed under the auspices of this Union, who shall administer to such separate congregations in regular turns, and if it appears that such—for this purpose—joined congregations have not means enough to pay a minister, then the Executive Board may enlarge the so-created circuit or pay the deficiency from the funds of this Union, as far as its means, appropriated for that purpose, permit: provided, however, that the Executive Board is satisfied that the congregations in interest are doing their full duty toward the support of a minister.

As this is an experiment we would recommend that the proposed arrangements be considered temporarily only, and that all appointments be made for not more than one year; and as we grow older we will gain experience and can govern ourselves accordingly.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON LEVI,
MAGNUS BUTZEL,
ADOLPH WOOLNER,
MORRIS H. REEFER,
SAMUEL JONAS,
Committee.

Mr. Henry Mack moved that the report be accepted.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal moved an amendment that the report be acted on *seriatim*. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Josiah Cohen offered the following substitute for the report:

The Executive Board is authorized to act as mediator and negotiator for such small congregations as desire to employ a minister jointly, to preach to them on alternate Sabbaths and holidays, but shall not incur any expense in that behalf beyond that of correspondence.

President Loth resigned the chair to the Vice-President, and then offered the following amendment, to be inserted in the substitute for the original report made by Mr. Cohen:

And the Executive Board shall also be authorized to request the congregations who are members of the Union to allow their res-

pective ministers to visit such congregations as said Executive Board deem best to be addressed by them ; and the said Executive Board shall also have the power to pay the traveling expenses of said ministers.

The previous question being called for and ordered, the substitute as amended by the President was then adopted instead of the original report.

President Loth then offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, It is self-evident that a vast amount of good can and will be accomplished for the prosperity of Judaism and mankind at large, if every Hebrew congregation throughout the United States and its Territories would join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations : therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Council hereby cordially invite every Hebrew congregation in the United States and its Territories to join the Union, and thus become an active colaborer in the good cause.

The Committee on Circuit-preaching made the following report on a resolution referred to them at a previous session :

To the President, Officers, and Members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of the Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, in regard to the appointment of two or more orators, to deliver orations during the sessions of the future Councils, would recommend that said resolutions be adopted as the sense of this meeting.

SOLOMON LEVI,
MAGNUS BUTZEL,
ADOLPH WOOLNER,
MORRIS H. REEFER,
SAMUEL JONAS,
Committee.

The committee on the resolutions introduced by Mr. Max Hellman presented a report which was, on motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, laid on the table.

Mr. Henry Mack moved to reconsider the votes by which the report was tabled, which motion was carried.

On motion, the committee was then granted permission to withdraw the report.

The following report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools was presented :

To the President and Members of the Council of the United American Hebrew Congregations:

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools, after due deliberation, have come to the conclusion, in order to make our work more efficient, it will be necessary to offer three prizes: one for the best biblical history, one for the best post-biblical history, and one for the best catechism. We would therefore recommend that this Council authorize us to offer the following amounts: ———, for the three above-named books that may be accepted at our next annual meeting.

DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
HENRY MACK,
I. REINTHAL,
MOSES HALLE,
M. HIRSHBERG,
Committee.

Mr. B. Bettman moved that \$50, as prizes, be inserted in the blank space, and that the authors retain the copyright.

President Loth offered the following amendment to the report:

That the said committee shall submit their report to the Executive Board by March 1, 1875, who shall have the power to appoint a commission of twelve members, who shall take said recommendation into consideration and present their report to the next annual council, who shall finally act thereon.

Mr. Josiah Cohen offered the following substitute to both amendments, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the Sabbath-school Committee be approved and referred to the Executive Board, with power to fill up all blanks, and to adopt means of passing upon the works to be submitted.

Mr. Josiah Cohen offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we invite the co-operation of the women of Israel in behalf of the cause represented by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and we urge upon them the exercise of that influence which has always characterized them as among the pioneers of efforts that have tended to the elevation of Judaism.

The report of the Committee on Theological Institute was then presented, and unanimously adopted, as follows:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your committee appointed on the subject of the "Theological Institute" respectfully beg leave to submit the following unanimous report:

In consideration that a large portion of the sum required by the constitution for the establishment and maintainance of the Institute has been secured, your committee recommend that the Theological Institute be, from this date, declared organized; and when the full amount provided by the constitution is obtained, the same shall be established, opened, and maintained under the following laws, regulations, and provisions:

ARTICLE I. The name of the Institute thus organized shall be The Hebrew Union College.

ART. II. The Hebrew Union College shall be under the control, management, and government of a Board of Governors, consisting of twelve members, three of whom shall be elected from the Executive Board, and the other nine from members of the Council, belonging to and originally delegated by a congregation being a member of the Union.

ART. III. That said Board of Governors shall be elected by the Council, immediately after the Executive Board, by ballot—the three members thereof from the Executive Board to serve one year, and the nine members from the Council, immediately after their election, shall from among themselves by ballot elect three members therefrom to serve one year, three for two years, and three for three years, and at every election of the Board of Governors thereafter, three of said nine members shall be elected by the Council for three years, each of which members shall hold office until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

ART. IV. The Board of Governors shall immediately organize by the election of a president, vice-president, and secretary, who shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

ART. V. The Board of Governors shall appoint the professors and other officers of the College, and fix their salaries—subject, however, always, to the confirmation or rejection of the Council.

ART. VI. The Executive Board shall be ex-officio the Trustees of the College property of every kind, and the sole custodians and managers of its finances, and shall alone receive and disburse the funds belonging to the College.

ART. VII. All vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Governors shall be filled by the Executive Board, until the ensuing session of the Council, which may confirm or reject the same.

ART. VIII. The Board of Governors shall annually furnish the Council through the Executive Board, a report of their proceedings, and the condition of the College, to embody also such suggestions and propositions as the necessities of the College demand.

ART. IX. Five members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ART. X. The College shall embrace three departments, viz., the Preparatory, Hebrew Classical, and Rabbinical; and shall be open not only to Israelites, but also to students of all denominations gratuitously.

ART. XI. In the Preparatory Department, students or graduates only of high schools or colleges shall receive instruction. The studies in this department shall embrace Jewish history, the Hebrew language, and the original text of the Bible therein, Rabbinical writings, and general Hebrew literature; and such other branches as the Curriculum may provide.

ART XII. In the Hebrew Classical Department, graduates of the Preparatory Department and students or graduates of any university or college—classical, scientific, medical, or juridical—only shall receive instruction. The studies of this department shall embrace a general course of the biblical and philosophical literatures of the Hebrews, and such other branches as the Curriculum may provide.

ART. XIII. In the Rabbinical Department, graduates only of the Hebrew Classical Department, being graduates of any university or college, shall receive a general rabbinical instruction to qualify them for the Jewish ministry; and the graduates of this department shall receive, under the seal of the Union, the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

ART. XIV. The Board of Governors shall report to the next Council a code of laws, on the basis of the foregoing organic provisions, for the general internal government of the College, the establishment of a Faculty and Curriculum, and under the supervision of the Executive Board shall complete all arrangements formally to open at least the Preparatory Department of the College on or before the first day of October, 1875.

ART. XV. The Hebrew Union College shall be established and permanently located in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

ART. XVI. The provisions of these laws shall not be repealed, altered, or amended, unless such change shall be proposed to the Executive Board in writing, which shall submit the same to the next ensuing meeting of the Council, and, if adopted by two-thirds of the members thereof present, the same will become binding.

H. BAMBERGER,
ADAM A. KRAMER,
NATHAN BLOOM,
EMANUEL WERTHEIMER,
LEOPOLD KEISER,
I. M. WISE,

Committee.

A recess was then taken until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

The Council re-assembled at 2½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

Mr. Jacob Ezekiel moved that a committee of five be appointed to nominate members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors. Carried.

The President appointed as the committee, Messrs. Jacob Ezekiel, Simon Levy, Jr., Joseph Lehman, N. New, and J. Rohrheimer.

Mr. H. E. Sterne offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew congregations be and they are hereby authorized to adopt all proper measures that may seem to them to be necessary for a thorough canvass for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions to the College fund.

Mr. Josiah Cohen offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approves and unanimously indorses the labor and efforts of our esteemed co-religionist, Hon. B. F. Peixotto, in behalf of our oppressed brethren of Roumania, and that his mission is one that should invoke the sympathy and material aid of all Jewish congregations and associations.

Mr. H. Bamberger offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Council are eminently due and are hereby tendered, first to the officers and members of the two congregations of Cleveland, Ohio, Tifereth Israel and Anshe Chesed, for the hospitality and generous treatment extended to the members of this Council ; second, to the Israelites in general for their urbanity and courtesies so liberally bestowed upon this body ; and third, to the press for their correct reports of the proceedings of this Council.

Resolved, That this resolution be published in the *Daily Herald*, *Leader*, and *Plain Dealer*, of this city, duly signed by the officers of this Council.

On motion the Council proceeded to ballot for a place of meeting for the next Council. After two ineffectual ballotings, the vote ordering a ballot was reconsidered, and a motion was made and carried that the meeting of the Council of 1875 be held in Buffalo, New York.

Rev. Dr. Jacob Mayer, of Cleveland, then delivered the following address, for which the unanimous thanks of the Council were tendered him :

Herr Präsident! Meine Herren Delegaten!

Es ist eine höchst schmelzhafte Aufgabe für mich, Sie vor unserer Trennung anzureden; ich erfülle dieselbe im Hochgefühl des Sieges, den wir in der Vollendung eines Werkes feiern, das viele zu bekämpfende Schwierigkeiten bot.

Der hier vertretende Theil Israels ist die praktische Erfüllung des seit der Zerstreuung alljährlich aus Millionen Herzen gestossenen höchst bedeutungsvollen Gebetes: ויקשו כלם צורך בלבב שלם ראונה אחת לקשור

Ich zweifle nicht, daß in kurzer Zeit das ganze Israel der Ver. Staaten (כלם) in dieser Union als thätiger Träger des „göttlichen Willens mit ganzem Herzen“ sich bewähren werde, und somit die im Laufe der Jahrhunderte etwas verdunkelte חורר חורר wieder zu ihrem vollen Glanze gelange und in ihrer ganzen Pracht und Herrlichkeit die Lichtstrahlen ihrer Heiligkeit ergieße und verbreite.

Meine Hoffnung ist eine berechtigte; meine Erwartungen werden durch den Erfolg gekrönt werden.

Sie, meine Herren, können auf dieses Verdienst stolz sein.

Wie einstens, nach der Sprache des Midrasch, das alte Israel am Sinai für das כתר ושרת mit Kronen für jedes Haupt belohnt worden war, also erglänzen auf Ihren Häuptern, m. H., die Verdiensteskronen des Wortes und der That auf dem Boden der Religion und der Menschenliebe. Das alte Israel aber vergaß sein Versprechen und versank in das bodenlose Element der Sinnlichkeit und der Lüge; darum ward sein „Schmutz von Horeb her“ ihm wieder genommen, und es stand da der Menschenwürde bar und der Gotteskindschaft. Das alte Israel ist todt, das neue Israel lebt; das neue Israel hat einen festen Boden sich geschaffen, es ist stark, es wankt nicht.

Ist's möglich, m. H., daß Ihr heiliger Eifer wohl erkalten könne? Können die Todten wohl auferstehen?

Unmöglich jenes, wie dieses, hoffe ich—die Union aller hebräischen Gemeinden Amerika's muß ein fait accompli werden und ewig bleiben!

O daß ich, um mit dem Propheten zu reden, „meine Stimme wie eine Posaune erschallen lassen könnte,“ um in die Gemeinden, in die Familien, in die Herzen hineinzurufen: „Seid stark und ausdauernd, denn der Ewige, Euer Gott, ist mit Euch—“ das Werk muß gelingen.

Ja, gelingen, zum Wohle Israels, anerkannt von der Mitwelt, von der Nachwelt gesegnet!

Darum bitte ich Sie, m. H., die Sie die Träger der Willensmeinung Ihrer Gemeinden sind, auf den Ausdruck meiner Herzensmeinung, den ich Ihnen mittheile, gefälligst hören zu wollen; möge er zu Herzen gehen, wie er von Herzen kommt.

Im Buche Daniel, im 2. Kapitel, vom 31. bis zum 35. Vers incl. schildert der Seher, nach dessen Namen das Buch genannt ist, dem Könige Nebuladnezar ein Traumbild, das er, der König, gesehen, wie folgt:

„Du, o König, schauereſt, und da war ein großes Bild. Dieses Bild war gewaltig und sein Glanz vorzüglich; es stand dir gegenüber, schrecklicher Gestalt.“

„Dieses Bild—sein Haupt war von seinem Golde, seine Brust und seine Arme von Silber, sein Leib und seine Lenden von Kupfer;“

„Seine Schenkel von Eisen, seine Füße zum Theil aus Eisen, zum Theil aus Thon.“

„Du schaueteſt, bis sich lostrennte ein Stein, nicht durch Hände; und erschlug das Bild auf seine Füße von Eisen und Thon und zermalmte sie.“

„Darauf wurden zermalmzt zumal das Eisen, der Thon, das Kupfer, das Silber und das Gold; und sie wurden wie Spreu der Tannen des Sommers, und es entführte sie der Wind, und keine Spur wurde von ihnen gefunden. Der Stein aber, der das Bild geschlagen, wurde zu einem gewaltigen Berge und füllte die ganze Erde.“

So weit Daniel.

Herr Präsident! Meine Herren Delegaten! Dieses Traumbild aus der Vorzeit war eine lebendige Erscheinung in Israels Vergangenheit und hat sich fortgesponnen bis in die Gegenwart. In seiner Deutung spielen Sie eine Hauptrolle.

Das Götzenbild aus Thon und Metall, in der Erde wurzelnd, ist

a) die *H i e r a r c h i e*, die aus dem Irdischen sich erhebt, auf Pfeilern steht, zerbrechlich, wie der Thon und hart, wie das Eisen, und in seiner Zusammensetzung aus Kupfer, Silber und Gold das „Heiligthum Gottes“ und dessen hl. „Gefäße“ zu repräsentiren sich nicht scheut. Alles starr an dieser Hierarchie und gefühllos, unbeweglich, stillestehend. Alles für die Spitze da, für das Haupt, und das ist aus Gold, nichts als Gold, des unwürdigen Streben Derer charakterisirend, deren Aufgabe es ist, Herz und Geist zu bilden und die in dieser ihrer Aufgabe nur ein Mittel erblicken, zum Besitze von Gold und dadurch zur Herrschaft zu gelangen. Das ist das Götzenbild, das angebetet sein will, das *אני ואמסי עור*!

Dieses Götzenbild ist aber auch

b) der *M a t e r i a l i s m u s* aller Zeiten, und ganz besonders der Gegenwart. Sein Boden ist Erde, nichts als Erde; seine Füße sind von Thon, d. i. in Feuer gehärtete Erde, und von Eisen, zu Gewalt und Rücksichtslosigkeit geeignetem Eisen. Der Leib und die Lenden von Kupfer bedeuten das erste Streben nach werthvollerem irdischen Besitze; die Brust, wo die Wünsche geboren werden, und die Arme, diese Werkzeuge menschlicher Thätigkeit, sind Silber: eine treffliche Bezeichnung für das gesteigerte Streben nach

vergänglichem Gute; und das Haupt von Gold bedeutet den Endzweck des ganzen materiellen Treibens: Geist, Gedanke, Vernunft für Gold da, für Gold feil; Gold, nichts als Gold, Alles für Gold!

Das kalbanbetende Israel in der Wüste gab sein Gold für einen Gott hin; das materialistisch gesinnte Israel der Gegenwart opfert seinen ewigen Gott für vergängliches Gold—das ist der Unterschied.

Elend's Gößenbild, das ferner noch bedeutet

c) die Irreligiösität aus Unwissenheit, als natürliches Erzeugniß der unnatürlichen Verbindung zwischen der Hierarchie und dem Materialismus. Dieses ungöttliche Kind ungöttlicher Eltern ist nicht minder eine Blasphemie, wie die Anbetung des Gößenbildes es ist. Da gibt's Formen statt Leben, da gilt die Schale statt des Kernes, da macht das Kleid den Mann, da glaubt man dem Buchstaben an der Stelle des Geistes. Darum lagen unsere Schulen darnieder und sind zum Theil noch nicht aufgestanden, und Religionsübung ward zum Komödienpiel. Den unbegreiflichen ewigen Gott macht man zum begreiflichen endlichen Menschen und die hl. Geschichtslänge Israel's vertreibt man aus den Häusern, aus den Schulen, aus den Herzen.

Unbekannt ist die Sprache geworden, in der ein Moses die göttliche Wahrheit verkündete, in der ein David wonnig wehmüthig sang, in der ein Salomo betete und Weisheit lehrte. Wer kennt sie noch, die ein Jesajas aus dem Bufen Gottes sog, in der ein Jeremias seine Elegien dichtete, ein Jecheskel seine Visionen beschrieb, ein Job mit Gott und von Gott redete, ein Esrah Israel's heiligstes Vermächtniß niederlegte; wer kümmert sich noch um diese und ähnliche Ergüsse aus Israel's glanzumflossener Vergangenheit, aus den jammernden Herzen der heimgesuchten Familien der Hebräer?!

Man will Judah's unübertreffliche Klassiker ersetzen durch eine abgeblaßte Uebertragung in moderner Geschäftssprache; man will den Familien und den Schulen eine billige Bibel geben und bedenkt nicht, daß eine solche dem Leser das Intendebum nicht theuer macht!

Wen Israel's klassische Literatur theuer ist, der räume ihr im kostbaren Gewande einen Platz, einen hervorragenden Platz unter seinen kostbarsten Werken in der schönsten Räumlichkeit seines Hauses ein!

Aber nur in der Ursprache ganz allein!

Was sagt die Unwissenheit dazu, die Gott noch immer herunterkommen lassen will, die es nicht begreifen kann, daß man sich hinaufschwingen muß zu Gott in seiner Erhabenheit?

Ach, sie lächelt, wenn man ihr sagt, daß die hl. Sprache sich verbirgt im Bettelgewande und die Religion ihr Leidensgefährte ist. Das ganze Gößenbild grinst und lacht: die Hierarchie, der Materialismus und die Unwissenheit! Das ist die unheilige Dreieinigkeit aus der finsternen Vorzeit, die da trennt zwischen dem Menschen und seinem Gotte; das ist der

Fluch der Vergangenheit und der Gegenwart; das ist des Traumbildes Deutung in seiner ersten Hälfte.

Das ist das Götzenbild, meine Herren.

Da löst ein Stein sich los, nicht durch Menschenhände, und zertrümmert das Bild und zerstreuet es, daß nichts mehr von ihm da ist.

Nein, nicht durch Menschenhände der Gewalt und nicht durch ein Winken des Zufalls löst der Stein sich los von den „ewigen Hügeln“ der Weisheit, um zu zerschlagen das Zwitterbild der Lästung und Lüge — — nein, denn der Stein ist ein Diamant; es ist der Edelstein der Erziehung, Bildung, Aufklärung, Erkenntniß, Wissenschaft, Wahrheit, Menschen- und Gottesliebe; es ist der

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Das ist der wahre Stein der Weisen, der Weisen einziger Edelstein.

Und er schlägt das Bild auf seine Füße von Thon und Eisen und zermalmt sie; und er vernichtet das Kupfer, das Silber und Gold und — das Götzenbild existirt nicht mehr! Diesem Steine kann es nicht widerstehen.

Das ist der Sapphirweiße Edelstein des Fortschrittes unter den Füßen der Gottheit וְהַחֲתִים רַגְלָיו כְּכֶסֶד לְבָנֵי הַסִּפִּיר; der Edelstein der reinen Erkenntniß, wie Himmelsäther, zart und fein וְכֶסֶד הַשָּׁמַיִם לְפָנָיו; das ist der Jakobstein, von dem der Name בית אל (Gotteshaus) herrührt; das ist der Stein des Lichtes und der Wahrheit אֱוֶרֶם וְחֵסֶד, in sich fassend alle zwölf Edelsteine mit den „Namen der zwölf Stämme Israel's“, von dem „Hochpriester getragen auf seinem Herzen zum Andenken vor dem Ewigen immerdar;“ das ist der „Hauptstein Serubabel's“, „vor dem der große Berg der Hindernisse zur Ebne wird;“ das ist endlich der feuerstrahlende Edelstein in Ihrer Hand, meine Herren, durch den unser כְּתֹר תִּירָה wieder zu ihrem unnachahmlichen Glanze kommen soll und der auch Sie verklären soll mit dem כְּתֹר שֶׁכָּב, den Sie sich dadurch erworben.

Sie zerschlagen das Götzenbild mit diesem Steine; und „dieser Stein wird zu einem gewaltigen Berge und wird erfüllen das ganze Land.“

Also lautet die Prophezeiung.

Und also höre ich flüstern die Gottesstimme: „Das Werk gelingt; der Erfolg ist sicher. Mit Gott ist's begonnen, mit Gott werd' es fortgesetzt, mit Gott wird es vollendet!“

Diese Gottesstimme ist die untrügliche Herzenstimme, die da segnet durch das Bewußtsein, um des Guten willen das Gute gewollt und befördert zu haben.

Wir wollen dieser Stimme Ausdruck geben in unserem Werke; wir wollen den Stein leuchten lassen in רַבֵּר אִמֶּת וְעֵמֶת דָּרָק; wir wollen sein ein Verein von opferfreudigen Brüdern.

Unsere Interessen für das religiöse Gemeinleben seien heilig uns und hehr; die Interessen des socialen Lebens seien ihnen untergeordnet; es gilt darum, auf der Höhe des Lebens den Anforderungen der Zeit gerecht zu werden.

Geht heim, meine Brüder, und saget den Söhnen Israels, daß die Mitgliedschaft von irgend welcher Gesellschaft, harmlos und nutzbringend, wie sie sonst sein mag, ein Verrath an Israel ist, wenn das religiöse Gemeinleben dadurch beeinträchtigt wird.

Saget den Frauen und Töchtern Israel's, dem heute hier gefaßten Beschlusse gemäß, daß von ihnen, deren religiöser Sinn und jüdische Tugend sie selbst zu מניין macht, das Gelingen unseres Unternehmens besonders abhängt. Mögen sie ihren Kindern und jüngeren Geschwistern es an's Herz legen, unseren Sabbath'schulen dieselbe Achtung und Liebe mindestens zuzuwenden, die sie für die öffentlichen Schulen an der Tag legen.

O daß unsere Söhne und Töchter sich begeisterten für den Bau dieses unsrer religiösen Zukunfttempels; daß der Eifer der Männer nicht erkalte; daß Israel's Banner hoch wehe von der Zinne der Zeit und ihres Fortschreitens, und daß in der Strahlentrone heiligen Strebens und Vollendens ein Edelstein die Flammenschrift leuchten lasse: ה'נני, Amen!

Und nun, meine Herren, wollen wir segnend beten; ich bitte Sie, aufzustehen.

Es heben uns zu Gott empor
Des Herzens Hochgefühle;
Wir jubeln, wie im heil'gem Chor:
Gottlob, wir sind am Ziele!
Es wird in dem Geiste der Brüderlichkeit
Dem Gotte des Lichtes ein Tempel geweiht—
Wir flehen ihm entgegen:
„O gib uns deinen Segen!“

יברכך ה'.

Ein Himmel uns're Anstalt sei
Dem Frommen, wie dem Sünder;
Dort triumphir' das Froh und Frei
Der Eltern und der Kinder.
Dort gib't's keinen Herrn, dort gib't's keinen Knecht,
Dort herrsche die Wahrheit, die Gleichheit, das Recht,
Wie's Zeit und Geist gebieten—
„Drum woll' uns Gott behüten!“

וישמרך.

Der Wanderer in dunkler Nacht,
Er sehnt sich nach dem Lichte;

Das Licht ist eine Gottesmacht
Im Buche der Geschichte.
Wir haben als Wand'rer geforscht nach dem Licht,
Es leuchtet in Uebungen heiliger Pflicht;
„So laß uns schauen helle,
Du, alles Lichtes Quelle!“

יאר ה' פניו אליך.

Wir wollen still in unser Herz
Mit klaren Augen schauen,
Und dann, die Blicke himmelwärts,
Der eig'nen Kraft vertrauen.
Dann geben wir gern mit lauterem Sinn
Dem Streben nach reinen Genüssen uns hin,
Und sieh', auf unser'm Pfade
„Obwaltet Gottes Gnade!“

ויחנך.

Wohl mögen Stürme uns bedroh'n
An heißen Sonnentagen,
Doch wohnt in unser'm Herzen schon
Die Kraft, das Leid zu tragen.
Ob härter das Schicksal mißgönnt uns die Ruh',
Der Gott, dem wir glauben, er wendet uns zu,
Ob heiter oder trübe,
„Sein Angesicht der Liebe!“

ישא ה' פניו אליך.

O Geist der Wahrheit und des Rechtes,
Der Freundschaft und der Treue,
Sei Du des menschlichen Geschlechts
Ureinj'ge Lebensweize!
O schließe den Bruder an's Bruderherz an,
O heb' aus dem Staube den zitternden Mann,
„Gib' uns, wenn wir ermüden,
Den wahren Seelenfrieden!“

וישם לך שלום.

Amen.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report :

FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS.

Moritz Loth,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Julius Freiberg,	“
Adam A. Kramer,	“
Philip Heidelberg,	“

EXECUTIVE BOARD.—(*Continued.*)

Solomon Levi,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Sigmund Mann,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Lewis N. Dembitz,	Louisville, Ky.
Simon Heavenrich,	Detroit, Mich.
Herman Bamberger,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Emanuel Wertheimer,	Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR ONE YEAR.

Bernhard Bettman,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Max Hellman,	"
Lipman Levy,	"
Abraham Aub,	"
Henry Marks,	"
S. Newmark,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Isaac Baer,	St. Louis, Mo.
B. A. Feinenan,	Kansas City, Mo.
Lazarus Silverman,	Chicago, Ills.
Siegmund Levyn,	Buffalo, N. Y.

FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Nathan Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.
Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Herman E. Sterne,	Peru, Indiana.
Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein,	St. Louis, Mo.
Henry Mack,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Leopold Rosenfeld,	"
Henry Adler,	"
Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise,	"
Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal,	"
Adam A. Kramer,	"
Solomon Levi,	"
Bernhard Bettman,	"

the three last being members of the Executive Board.

On motion the report was received, and the President instructed to cast the ballot of the Council for all the candidates, which, being done, they were declared duly elected.

On motion, thanks were tendered to the Officers of the Council for the efficient manner in which they had performed their respective duties.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, of Pittsburgh, Pa., closed the Council with prayer; the Council thereupon adjourned *sine die*.



MORITZ LOTH, *President*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*.

SIEGMUND LEVYN, *Ass't Sec'y*.

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Number.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	STATE.	When Organized.	Number of Contributing Members.	Estimated Value of Real Estate, exclusive of Burial-Grounds.	Expenses for past Year. (Erection of Buildings not included.)	Number of Children attending Sabbath-school.
1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1849	52	\$ 25000 00	\$ 4500 00	35
2	Bene Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.	1857	70	40000 00	3853 95	116
3	Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1841	200	250000 00	18000 00	230
4	B'nai Sholem.....	Quincy.....	Ills.	1864	58	25000 00	4473 75	90
5	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.	1851	34	20000 00	600 00	(none)
6	Ohav Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.	1867	15	(none)	492 21	12
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1858	75	10000 00	3100 00	132
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.	1867	29	(none)	1450 00	27
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1823	175	160000 00	13000 00	150
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.	1852	91	40000 00	5632 25	120
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.	1840	170	150000 00	13000 00	200
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.	1856	56	2700 00	2500 00	69
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.	1850	75	30000 00	5000 00	80
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.	1856	58	8500 00	1500 00	85
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.	1870	18	5000 00	1600 00	20
16	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Miss.	1843	37	25000 00	4000 00	57
17	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock.....	Ark.	1863	50	10000 00	2500 00	90
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Ky.	1870	13	700 00	(a)	(a)
19	Chevrá Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	La.	(a)	38	6000 00	(a)	20
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	1850	82	20000 00	5000 00	100
21	Ohavai Sholem.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.	(a)	80	(a)	(a)	(a)
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.	1858	12	(none)	104 45	(none)
23	B'nai Yeshurun.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

24	Children of Israel	Augusta	Ga.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus	Ohio.	1868	39	18000 00	1953 39	51
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk	Iowa.	1863	18	1006 00	1100 00	23
27	Hebrew Educational Society.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.	1873	21	(none)	1158 00	12
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.	1857	40	15000 00	1500 00	60
29	Beth Elohim	Charleston	S. C.	1750	60	40000 00	4057 45	64
30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash	Ind.	1873	17	(none)	(none)	(none)
31	Keneseth Israel	Zanesville.....	Ohio.	1871	20	(none)	(a)	30
32	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City	Mo.	1870	41	(none)	2300 00	19
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wisc.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
34	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville	Pa.	1866	20	(a)	500 00	(a)
35	Anshai Emeth	Peoria	Ills.	1863	30	5000 00	2400 00	40
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes	Ind.	1867	12	150 00	80 00	(none)
37	Kehilath Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago	Ills.	1847	116	100000 00	11000 00	120
38	Bnai Israel.....	Natchitoches	La.	1871	16	(a)	(a)	(a)
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.	1866	49	2500 00	2000 00	50
40	Bnai Yeshurun	Des Moines	Iowa.	1873	23	(none)	(none)	(none)
41	Or Zion	Peru	Ind.	1874	13	(none)	(none)	(none)
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.	1872	24	(a)	2150 00	10
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg	Miss.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
44	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ga.	1859	44	4000 00	2500 00	39
45	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport.....	La.	1866	40	24000 00	3400 00	50
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.	1864	70	20000 00	6650 00	120
47	Rodef Sholem	Pittsburgh.....	Pa.	1857	85	28000 00	5000 00	100
48	Bnai El	St. Louis.....	Mo.	1853	120	12000 00	4500 00	75
49	Abavath Achim.....	Lafayette	Ind.	1842	27	10000 00	2000 00	25
50	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton	Ohio.	1867	13	(none)	550 00	20
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth	Ohio.	1858	23	3000 00	1165 63	25
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne	Ind.	1848	52	12000 00	2300 00	46
53	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland	Ohio.	1839	125	25000 00	5200 00	120
54	Bnai Israel	Kalamazoo	Mich.	1865	20	15000 00	2000 00	40
55	Beth El	San Antonio.....	Texas.	1874	(a)	1500 00	(none)	(none)
56	Emanuel	Milwaukee	Wisc.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not reported.

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1	Abavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. J. Goldammer	Simon Wolfstein	Samuel Wolfstein....
2	Bene Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.	Rev. Dr. Isaac Schwab	Nathan Gross.....	A. Loewenthal.....
3	Bene Yeshurun	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise	Moritz Loth	Frederick Rauh.....
4	B'nai Sholem.....	Quincy.....	Ills.	Rev. Isaac Moses	Isaac Lesem	Dr. L. H. Cohen.....
5	Bene Yeshurun	Dayton.....	Ohio.	(none)	Adolph Lessner	Solomon Rauh.....
6	Ohev Zedukah	Springfield.....	Ohio.	Rev. Henry Friedman..	M. Kaufman	M. D. Levy.....
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Samuel Epstein ..	B. Benjamin	Moses Bing, Jr.....
8	Rodef Sholem	Youngstown.....	Ohio.	Rev. L. Liebman.....	A. Schwab	S. J. Lambert.....
9	Bene Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Max Lillenthal	Julius Freiberg.....	A. Abraham
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.	Rev. Max Samfield	Elias Lowenstein	M. Ullman
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.	Rev. Dr. L. Kleeberg..	S. Ullman.....	Wm. Rosenberg.....
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis	Ind.	Rev. M. Messing.....	Joseph Schwabacher ..	Abraham Lang.....
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner ..	Simon Heavenrich	M. C. Fechheimer ..
14	Beth Israel	Louisville.....	Ky.	Rev. Jacob Spitz	Lewis N. Dembitz	Abraham Steinhardt
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.	Rev. M. Suggenheimer ..	Solomon Block	S. H. Newhouse
16	Bnai Israel	Natchez.....	Miss.	Rev. Aaron Norden	Samuel Ullman.....	Simon Mayer.....
17	Bnai Israel	Little Rock	Ark.	Rev. Jacob Bloch.....	Abe Ottenheimer	M. Goldbaum
18	Adath Israel	Owensboro.....	Ky.	(none)	B. Baer.....	Isaac Wittelschofer ..
19	Chebra Gemilas Chasodim...	Alexandria.....	La.	Rev. Marx Klein.....	Edward Weil	Solomon Mayer.....
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Jacob Mayer...	Sigmund Mann	(t. Strauss
21	Ohavai Sholem	Nashville	Tenn.	Rev. Dr. I. Kalish.....	(a)	H. Nassauer
22	Anshe Emeth	Piqua.....	Ohio.	Rev. A. Wendel.....	A. Friedlich	Henry Flesch
23	Benai Yeshurun.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.	(a)	(a)	H. Spitz

24	Children of Israel.....	Augusta.....	Ga.	Rev. Samuel Weil.....	(a)	Joseph Gundershaimer.....	(a)	L. Sylvester.....
25	Benai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.	Rev. F. Becker.....		M. Spiesberger.....		J. M. Schlesinger.....
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.	Rev. Joseph Schwedt.....		Joseph Shields.....		Joseph Steinem.....
27	Hebrew Educational Society.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.	Rev. S. Kaufman.....		Joseph Lowenstein.....		Israel Kahn.....
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.	Rev. J. H. M. Chumaceiro.....		Philip Weinman.....		Nath'l Levin.....
29	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston.....	S. C.	(none)		M. Hyman.....		J. Staadecker.....
30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash.....	Ind.	(none)		M. Steinfeld.....		S. Frank.....
31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.	Rev. J. L. Hess.....		L. Hammarslough.....		Ben. Strouse.....
32	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Mo.	(a)		Sol. Heibronner.....		G. Langstadt.....
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wisc.	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.....	(none)	Henry Schwabacher.....		L. Loewenthal.....
34	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville.....	Pa.	(none)		Joseph Bernstein.....		A. Bitterman.....
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Ills.	(none)		M. M. Gerstley.....		B. W. Esendrath.....
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Ind.	(none)		Isaac Jacob.....		Edward Phillips.....
37	Kehilath Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Ills.	Rev. Dr. M. Machol.....	(none)	Wm. Titlebaum.....		Chas. M. Pfeifer.....
38	Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches.....	La.	Rev. B. A. Bonheim.....	(none)	Joseph Kuhn.....		S. J. Redstone.....
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.	Rev. L. Samisch.....	(none)	M. Falk.....		N. J. Landauer.....
40	Benai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.	Rev. W. Weinstein.....		Benjamin Geis.....		David M. Amberg.....
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Ind.	Rev. B. H. Gotthelf.....		(a)		N. Scharff.....
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.	Rev. Dr. H. Birkenthal.....		Julius Kaufman.....		Joseph Hecht.....
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Miss.	Rev. M. Greenblatt.....		S. Levy Jr.....		Elie Blum.....
44	Benai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ga.	Rev. Dr. S. Falk.....		Henry Brock.....		Siegmund Levyn.....
45	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport.....	La.	Rev. Dr. I. Meyer.....		Emanuel Wertheimer.....		Josiah Cohen.....
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein.....		Isaac Baer.....		Leopold Wolfner.....
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pa.	Rev. D. Bonheim.....		Samuel Levy.....		S. Deginger.....
48	Bnai El.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.	Rev. D. Greenebaum.....		M. Fichelslein.....		Leopold Eisman.....
49	Ahavath Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Ind.	Rev. S. Kaufman.....		M. Frank.....		Phillipp Meyerson.....
50	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.	Rev. E. Rubin.....		N. New.....		S. Dettelbach.....
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.....		B. M. Desenberg.....		Meyer Cramer.....
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Ind.	Rev. Isaac Epstein.....	(none)	S. Mayer.....		R. Oppenheimer.....
53	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	Rev. M. Spitz.....		David Adler.....		(a)
54	Bnai Israel.....	Kalamazoo.....	Mich.					
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.					
56	Emanuel.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisc.					

(a) Not reported.



**THE UNION OF
American Hebrew Congregations.**

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
COUNCIL,**

Held at Buffalo, New York, July 5635-1875.

TUESDAY, July 13, 1875.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at McArthur's Hall, and at half past ten o'clock, A. M. was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Falck, of Buffalo, N. Y.

On motion of Mr. Charles Kahn Jr., Mr. Leopold Kaiser of Buffalo, N. Y., was elected temporary Chairman, and on assuming the chair, in a very feeling manner, welcomed the members of the Council to Buffalo.

On motion of Mr. H. E. Sterne, Mr. S. I. Loewenstein of Evansville, Ind., was elected temporary Secretary.

The chairman appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Lipman Levy, Emanuel Wertheimer, Samuel Levy, Daniel Gehr and Theobald David.

On motion, the Chairman appointed the following Committee on Permanent Organization : Messrs. Herman E. Sterne, Adolph Woolner, Julius Freiberg, Hiram Exstein and Rev. Dr. Victor Rundbaken.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council :

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim,	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Jacob Trost, Joel H. Steinberg.
2. Bene Israel	Evansville, Ind.,	S. I. Loewenstein, Jonas Hirsch, Hiram Exstein.
3. Bene Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Moritz Loth, Abraham Aub, Henry Mack, Solomon Levi, Leopold Rosenfeld, Bernhard Bettman, Jacob Elsas, Lewis Heinsheimer.
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ills.,	Rev. Isaac Moses, Joseph D. Levy.
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio.	
6. Ohev Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio.	
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Henry Adler, M. Leon, Aaron Bamberger.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	Emanuel Guthman.
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Julius Freiberg, Jacob Ezekiel, Charles Kahn, Jr., Lipman Levy, Adam A. Kramer, Joseph Trounstine, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.,	
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	Nathan Bloom, Wm. Kriegshaber,

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	Samuel Grabfelder, I. Trager, M. Straus, Theobald David, S. Ullman.
12. Indianapolis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	L. I. Mossler, Joseph Mayer.
13. Beth El,	Detroit, Mich.,	Simon Heavenrich, David J. Workum, Seligman Schloss.
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	Lewis N. Dembitz, Adolph Woolner.
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.	
16. Bnai Israel,	Little Rock, Ark.	
17. Bnai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.,	
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.,	
19. Chev. Gem. Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.,	Daniel Gehr.
20. Tifereth Israel,	Cleveland, Ohio,	Sol. Sloss, Abraham Schwartz, Sigmund Mann.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.,	
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio,	Henry Flesh.
23. Bnai Yeshurun,	Nashville, Tenn.,	
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio,	Jos. Gundersheimer.
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	E. Hirschfield.
27. Beneh Israel,	Charleston, W. Va.,	Samuel Strauss.
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph, Mo.,	
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner, Henry Bernheim.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.,	Henry Brock.
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio,	Nat. Gundersheimer.
32. Bnai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.,	Joseph Cahn.
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wis.,	Rev. Dr. S. Falck.
34. Meadville Heb. Soc.,	Meadville, Pa.,	
35. Anshai Emeth,	Peoria, Ills.,	
36. Bnai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.,	Solomon Gimbel.
37. Kehilath Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ills.,	Jacob Rosenberg, Lazarus Silverman.

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
38. Bnai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.,	Raphael Kahn.
39. Hebrew Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Rev. Henry Gersoni.
40. Bene Yeshurun,	Des Moines, Iowa.	
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.,	Herman E. Sterne.
42. Emanuel,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Jacob I. Levy.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.,	
44. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ga.,	
45. Hebrew Zion,	Shreveport, La.,	Simon Florsheim.
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Siegmund Levyn, Leopold Kaiser.
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburg, Pa.,	Emanuel Wertheimer, Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer.
48. Bnai El,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonnenschein, Isaac Baer.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.,	
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio.	Samuel Levy.
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio.	Henry Richman.
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Rev. S. Hecht, Marc Rissor.
53. Anshe Chesed,	Cleveland, Ohio.	Nathan New, Rev. Dr. M. Tintner, Abraham Strauss, Simon Newmark, J. Reinthal.
54. Bene Israel,	Kalamazoo, Mich.,	Jacob Altman.
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Texas.	B. Oppenheimer.
56. Emanu El,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	David Adler, Rev. M. Spitz.
57. Beth Israel,	Meridian, Miss.,	
58. House of Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	
59. L'shem Shomaim,	Wheeling, W. Va.,	
60. Gemilas Chasodim,	Port Gibson, Miss.,	
61. Mount Sinai,	Georgetown, D. C.	B. Sinsheimer.
62. Anshei Chesed,	Scranton, Pa.,	
63. Akron Heb. Assn.,	Akron, Ohio,	Isidore Cohen.

NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
64. Washington Hebrew,	Washington, D. C.,	Simon Wolf, Isaac L. Blout, Phillip L. Wallach.
65. Rodef Sholem,	Petersburg, Va.,	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise
66. Knoxville Heb. Ben.	Knoxville, Tenn.,	P. Burger.
67. Beth Ahaba,	Richmond, Va.,	
68. Mishkan Israel,	Selma, Ala.	Moses Schwarz.
69. Bnai Israel,	Galveston, Texas,	Rev. A. Blum.
70. Beth Israel,	Houston, Texas,	Rev. J. L. Meyer.
71. Anshai Emeth,	Pine Bluff, Ark.	
72. Etz Raanon,	Rochester, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. Victor Rund- baken.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY,
EMANUEL WERTHEIMER.
THEOBALD DAVID,
DANIEL GEHR,
SAMUEL LEVY.

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following report :

BUFFALO, July 13, 1875.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee appointed to suggest names to act as officers of the permanent organization of the Council, beg leave to report the following :

For President, JOSIAH COHEN, of Pittsburg, Pa.

For Vice-President, HENRY BROCK, of Buffalo, N. Y.

For Secretary, LIPMAN LEVY, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Assistant Secretary, S. I. LOEWENSTEIN, of Evansville, Ind.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

H. E. STERNE, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Moritz Loth, the report was received and adopted, and the committee discharged.

Messrs. Loth and Kaiser being on motion appointed a committee for that purpose, conducted the President elect, Mr. Josiah Cohen,

to the Chair, when he was introduced to the Council by Mr. Loth. The President upon assuming the Chair, delivered an appropriate address.

The other permanent officers then assumed their stations.

The reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Executive Board, the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, and the report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, were presented to the Council in printed form :

President's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

REPRESENTATIVES :—During the past year God, in his loving kindness, has again blessed our country with health-giving atmosphere, with rain and sunshine in due season, which have kept pestilence from within our borders, and caused mother earth to produce liberally for man and beast. Notwithstanding, however, these great blessings of health and bountiful crops, there prevails throughout the entire land a discontent, a want of confidence and good-fellowship between capital and labor—depressing commerce, and causing distress to thousands of families; and so extensive and persistent is it in its character, that it has the effect of diminishing the revenues of the government, which has without much reflection, increased taxation, making the people still poorer. Poverty discourages immigration, diminishes population, and unless vigorously combated, brings a nation to the verge of decline.

What is the cause of all this? Where is the blame; and how can the fault be corrected? The cause of our commercial depression and threatened national decline is unquestionably the inobservance of the ten commandments in their fullest and broadest spirit. It is this which has the effect of weakening the affections of the family tie, and of lessening the energies of the husband and wife, which in commerce, causes short weight, short measure, the avoidance and not the obser-

vance in both letter and spirit, of a contract ; which, in legislation and execution of the laws, opens the flood gates of corruption, be it in municipal, state, or national government. It so widely prevails, and is so palpable, that it must be stigmatized as bare faced shamelessness—naturally bringing the municipal, state, and national government into a sea of indebtedness, casting up mountains of taxes, which crush enterprise, dishearten vigor, and create want where formerly industry and abundance existed.

This is a gloomy picture, and what increases its gloom is its truthfulness. Capital blames labor, and labor blames capital for the present hard times. But this is not the root of the evil. The fundamental cause of all misfortune, be it individual, in the family, the state or nation, can be directly traced to disregard of the ten commandments. The ten commandments are to human affairs what dew, rain, and sunshine are to the vegetable kingdom ; just as sure as vegetation can not bud and blossom without dew and the rays of the sun, just so certain are the families of man unable to prosper without the strictest observance of the laws revealed on Sinai.

If this view is correct, and it seems that it is, is it not then of the highest importance to have these matchless laws engraved upon the heart of hearts of every suckling babe, child, man or woman. Justice and honor call upon every head of a family to observe these laws scrupulously in all the relations of life, and to us Israelites to whom God graciously revealed them, and through his ineffable wisdom made us their messengers and heralds to multitudes of nations over the fairest fields of the habitable globe, to us it is a double duty to observe these commandments in all their spiritual and practical meaning. That we have done so thus far is attested by our existing, notwithstanding ages of oppression, with greater vigor, and in greater numbers than in any era of the by-gone past.

But, alas, there are signs—signs that even the blind can perceive, that Israel is growing careless of its religion ! The young men are not joining the congregations ; perhaps it is because the old are beginning to disregard the monitions of the Sabbath as a day of rest ; as a day devoted to God and the family—divinely given for mental elevation and advancement.

This non-observance of the sacred day as God has commanded it, will explain why, in many localities, the congregations in Israel have not as yet joined the Union ; this will also explain why the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars requisite for the erection and

maintenance of the Union Hebrew College has not as yet been obtained.

A stay must be effected in this disregard of the Sabbath, for the Sabbath is the rock, the very keystone of our religion. A family neglecting the Sabbath gradually grows extremely selfish, stifling every noble thought, drowning in good intentions every noble act and rapidly tending to the disregard, as far as it is safe, of the laws of God and the statutes of the land.

I, therefore, urgently recommend to the Council to take into consideration :

1st. By what manner and means every Israelite should be induced to observe the Sabbath as God has commanded it.

2d. What measures are best to adopt to induce every Israelite to join a congregation.

3d. By what measures the congregations in Israel can be brought to join the Union, in order to strengthen the house of Israel.

4th. To take into consideration whether it would be advisable to recommend to the congregations that all the children after their confirmation shall, for three successive years, form a class for Biblical reading and discussion, and elect annually from this class assistant teachers for the different grades of the Sabbath Schools.

5th. To vote a more liberal prize for the best Biblical and Post Biblical History.

6th. To pass a resolution requesting the congregations who are members of the Union to bring into practice the exchange of pulpits, and also, have their Rabbis occasionally visit small congregations in their immediate neighborhood, and preach to them the word of God.

7th. To take into serious consideration in what manner the Union could influence and bring into existence a Young Ladies' Seminary, which should be under the care of "mothers in Israel." Their wise guidance of our daughters when their character is in process of formation could not fail of lasting benefit and glory to Israel.

8th. To consider in what manner the Union could influence our sons to adopt mechanical and agricultural pursuits in order to save them from the oppressive cares and uncertainties of a mercantile career.

9th. To appoint a committee who, in the name of the Council, and in behalf of the Union Hebrew College, shall visit the principal cities of the United States to solicit donations to the sinking fund, and annual contributions towards the necessary expenses.

10th. It may not be amiss to call the attention of Israelites to a more active participation in public matters, in order to guard the ballot ; to secure fit and proper legislation, and a wise appropriation of the public funds. This, it appears to me, is the sacred duty of every citizen, and the Israelites should perform their part in that duty conscientiously.

In addition to the amount collected for the sinking fund, as shown by the report of the Secretary, the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars has been subscribed, thus leaving only a comparatively small amount to be raised to reach the minimum sum of sixty thousand dollars required for the opening of the Hebrew Union College on the first day of October next. With the income from this fund, and the annual dues from the congregations at present belonging to the Union, which amount to at least three thousand dollars, and the further sum of one thousand dollars, representing individual annual contributions already subscribed, we are, therefore, now assured of a fixed yearly income of about seven thousand dollars—certainly a flattering sum for the opening year of our College ; but this is not sufficient ; the dignity of the Union, as it embraces the representative men of American Israel, demands that the College for the future education of its Rabbonim shall be in permanent buildings, well appointed in all their parts, especially as regards its library and professors, who should be the best that money could procure. To do this, the sum of at least one hundred and sixty thousand dollars must be obtained, and I do not entertain the slightest doubt that, with proper exertion, that amount will be speedily secured.

As one of the great events in the affairs of Israel, I deem it proper to bring before your notice the Sir Moses Montefiore Testimonial Fund, which is to be raised and applied for the erection of permanent industrial institutions in the mechanical and agricultural arts among our brethren in Palestine. The object is a truly worthy one, for it would redeem our Palestinian brethren from their humiliating position of alms taking, and give them the sweet boon of eating the bread their own hands have earned. Gladly would I recommend you to make an appropriation to the Sir Moses Montefiore Testimonial Fund, but the money we have thus far obtained has been given for home education, and we, therefore, have no right to appropriate any part of it for any other purpose. The time, however, I cordially hope, is not far distant when the Union will count fifty thousand members, and by

each paying the small sum of one dollar per annum, we shall have an annual income of fifty thousand dollars. The College being firmly established and amply provided for, we shall, no doubt, by the consent of the congregations, be enabled to devote this princely income for the benefit not only of our brethren in America, but also for the aid of our brethren abroad.

Let us pray ; let us hope, and above all, work to induce every Israelite to join a congregation, and bring every congregation into the fold of the Union, with the ultimate objective point of the elevation of our race and mankind at large.

Appealing to every Israelite to extend a helping hand to uphold the cause of Israel, and the most effective step to do this, is to join a congregation, and wed that congregation into the Union ; and trusting that the elders of all congregations may meet annually in council and work in harmony, let me beg of all the leaders in Israel not to manifest any indifference to this great movement simply because it was planned and brought into active existence by humble laymen, and not by a Rabbi or Rabbonim.

A Union of all the congregations is essential, and a College for Jewish ministers indispensable to preserve intact the holy cause of Judaism.

That the Spirit of the Lord may be with us ; that it may animate our councils and guide our conclusions ; that our work may be blessed with success and bring forth the happiest results, is the earnest prayer of

Your most obedient servant,

MORITZ LOTH,
President.

Secretary's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

REPRESENTATIVES—I beg leave to submit the following as my annual report for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1875 :

Proceedings of the Executive Board.

TURNER HALL, CLEVELAND, July 16, 1874.

The Executive Board met at 6 o'clock, P. M., and organized by electing

Mr. Moritz Loth, President,
Mr. Julius Freiberg, Vice-President,
Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary,
Mr. Max Hellman, Treasurer.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to give a bond for five thousand dollars, and the Treasurer a bond for twenty thousand dollars.

A communication was received from the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College stating that they had organized by electing Mr. Henry Mack, President ; Mr. Nathan Bloom, Vice-President, and Mr. Adam A. Kramer, Secretary.

The Secretary stated that since the last meeting of the Board, the following congregations had become members of the Union :

Temple Beth Zion Buffalo, N. Y.
Rodef Sholem—Pittsburgh, Pa.
B'nai El—St. Louis, Mo.
Ahavas Achim—Lafayette, Ind.
B'nai Israel—Hamilton, Ohio.
Bene Abraham—Portsmouth, Ohio.
Achdus Vesholom—Fort Wayne, Ind.
Anshe Chesed—Cleveland, O.
Bene Israel—Kalamazoo, Mich.
Beth El—San Antonio, Tex.
Emanuel—Milwaukee, Wis.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have two thousand copies of the proceedings of the Council printed, ten copies to be furnished to each delegate.

On motion, Mr. S. Mann was authorized to settle all bills incurred for the meeting of the Council, to include five dollars for each of the pages in attendance.

On motion, it was ordered that the Book of Memorial be left with Messrs. S. Newmark and S. Mann as a Committee to solicit subscriptions in Cleveland.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.

CINCINNATI, Aug., 2, 1874.

The Executive Board met at three o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid, viz :

S. Mann, cash paid for rent of hall in Cleveland	\$30 00
“ “ to steward of hall-	5 00
“ “ three pages, \$5 each, - -	15 00
“ “ Hays Bros. for sundries, -	5 52
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	\$55 52
N. Drucker, one trunk for books and papers, - -	15 00
L. N. Dembitz, one copy Benisch's pentateuch, - -	5 00
L. Levy, cash paid for stationery, - -	\$ 2 10
“ “ stamps, - - - -	10
“ “ hauling, - - - -	2 85
“ “ exchange, - - - -	25
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	\$5 30

A bill was read for \$14.40 for advertising in the Jewish Messenger, which was referred to the Secretary with instructions to write to the publishers in regard to it.

Letters were read from Messrs. S. Heavenrich, S. Levyn and L. N. Dembitz, excusing themselves for non-attendance at this meeting.

The following letter was read from the Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-schools appointed by the Council.

ST. LOUIS, July 31, 1874.

“ *M. Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C., Cincinnati:*

DEAR SIR—I take the liberty to call your attention to a resolution of our last Council concerning three prizes for best Sabbath-school

books. It will be the duty of the chairman of the Sabbath-school Committee to offer these prizes through the papers, and therefore I would beg you to take into consideration this matter in your next Board meeting, and to fix the amount of the mentioned prizes.

"Respectfully yours,

"S. WOLFENSTEIN."

The letter being taken up for action, the following resolution offered by Mr. Adam A. Kramer was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the sum of \$100 be inserted in each blank as a prize for—1st, the best biblical history ; 2d, the best post-biblical history ; and third, the best catechism, as contemplated by the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools adopted by the Council ; and the book or books finally accepted by the Union, shall in addition be entitled to the honorary privilege of the publication thereof, under the sanction of the Union, the copyright to remain the property of the author.

The Committee on Sabbath-schools is respectfully requested to submit the manuscripts of all competitors, with its recommendations hereon, to the Executive Board, on or before March 1, 1875, in order that the same may be duly considered by the Executive Board, and submitted with its views to the next annual council at Buffalo, for final action in the premises.

The following resolutions having been transmitted by Mr. Lewis N. Dembitz, were presented :

RESOLVED, That the President or Secretary is hereby empowered and authorized to contract with Dr. Abr. De Sola, of Montreal, for the immediate delivery of one thousand copies of the small edition of Leaser's English Bible, at the price of nine hundred and fifty dollars.

RESOLVED, that he be further authorized to prepare and cause to be printed a circular, and send it to all the congregations in the Union, and to all those who may join it hereafter, stating to them that such purchase has been made, and requesting them to act (through some person by them designated) as agents for the sale of said Bibles, at the rate of one dollar retail.

RESOLVED, That in order to enable the Congregations to sell these Bibles at one dollar apiece, they shall be furnished to them at ninety-five cents, and shall be sent to them at a freight of not over five cents a copy, the excess of freight and packing to be paid by this Board.

RESOLVED, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of this Board to obtain at the earliest date, complete statistics of the Hebrew Congregations in the United States in or out of the Union, great or small, together with the post-office addresses of their respective Presidents and Secretaries.

On motion, they were taken up for action *seriatim*. The following as a substitute for the first resolution was offered by Mr. A. A. Kramer, and was on motion of Mr. Henry Marks, adopted.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary is hereby instructed to order five hundred copies of Leeser's Bible of Dr. Abraham De Sola, at the price proposed by him, and that Dr. De Sola be respectfully requested to give the Union the privilege of five hundred additional copies, which, if taken by the Executive Board within six months from the delivery of the first lot, shall cost the Union, together with the first five hundred copies, at the rate of ninety-five cents per volume ; and an order is hereby authorized to be drawn for the payment of said first five hundred copies.

Mr. M. Loth moved as a substitute for the two resolutions offered by Mr. Dembitz that the following circular be issued, which was adopted :

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS

CINCINNATI, _____ 187

To the Officers and Members of Congregation _____
of _____

GENTLEMEN :—By order of the Executive Board, we have the pleasure of placing before your honorable body the report of the proceedings of the First Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and beg to refer you to a resolution unanimously adopted by the Council (page 95), and request you to extend your kind offices, by inducing such Congregations to join the Union who are not yet members thereof, and also to mail us the address of the President and Secretary of said Congregations.

We also respectfully refer you to page 89, from which you will perceive that the Council has instructed the Executive Board to buy one thousand copies, or more if necessary, of Leeser's Bibles, to be sold to the Congregations of the Union at one dollar per copy ; and in order to place the Bible in every Jewish home, it is advisable that every Congregation should appoint a Bible Committee, who shall exert themselves to obtain orders for said Bible, and forward them (the cash to accompany the order) to the Secretary, which orders will be promptly executed.

Trusting that you will favor the cause with your co-operation, we are, gentlemen, with great esteem,

Yours truly,
MORITZ LOTH, President.
LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

[SEAL.]

Mr. E. Wertheimer proposed the following resolution which was adopted :

RESOLVED, That Mr. Adam A. Kramer be, and is hereby appointed a committee to represent the Union, and to co-operate with similar committees from other organizations of the country, for the purpose of carrying out the resolutions adopted by the Council in reference to the celebration of the centennial of American Independence.

The Secretary stated that the work of his office had increased to such an extent that he required an assistant, whereupon on motion, the President appointed Messrs. A. A. Kramer and Solomon Levi a committee to procure the assistance necessary.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.
CINCINNATI, Oct., 11, 1874.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock, P. M. President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. Siegmund Levyn, S. Mann, and S. Heavenrich excusing themselves for non-attendance at this meeting.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following congregations had become members of the Union :

Beth Israel—Meridian, Miss.

House of Israel—Philadelphia, Pa.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the congregation at Charleston, W. Va., stating that they had changed their name from "Hebrew Educational Society" to that of Congregation "Beneh Israel."

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid :

Bloch & Co., printing and stationary to date	-	-	\$35 ¹ 33
Hildebrand, Clarke & Co., binding twenty subscription books,	-	-	20 00
L. Levy, cash paid for postage stamps and express	\$12	25	
" " exchange,	-	-	25
" " subscription for "Jewish Messenger,"	-	-	5 00
			<hr/> \$17 50
M. Loth, cash paid for postage stamps,	-	-	10 50

The Secretary reported that he had received a donation of one hundred dollars from Mr. N. D. Menken, of Memphis, Tenn., toward the Bible fund, and on motion of Mr. Bettman it was resolved, that the first copy received be forwarded to Mr. Menken, with the thanks of the Board for his generous donation.

The Secretary was instructed to fill no orders for bibles, except from Congregations belonging to the Union, or from persons residing in places where no Congregation exists, the money in all cases to accompany the order.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer from the Committee on Centennial reported that he had forwarded circulars and appointed sub-committees ; and asked for further time to report from the Committee on assistance for the Secretary's office. The resignation of Mr. Max Hellman as a member of the Board, and as Treasurer was presented and accepted, and on motion Mr. Joseph Trounstone was elected to fill the vacancy in the Board ; the election for Treasurer being on motion postponed until the next meeting.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to audit the books of the late Treasurer. The bond of the Secretary for \$5000, with Messrs. Adam A. Kramer and B. Bettman as sureties, was presented and accepted.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.
CINCINNATI, Dec., 13, 1874.

The Executive Board met at 7 o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board, the following congregations had become members of the Union :

L'shem Shomaim—Wheeling, W. Va.

Gemilas Chasodim—Port Gibson, Miss.

The Secretary reported that he had examined the books of the ex-Treasurer, Mr. M. Hellman, and found the same correct.

The President presented a letter he had received from Sir Moses Montefiore, in which he offered to donate some books to the Hebrew Union College.

A letter was received from Mr. George Rosenthal, of Amsterdam, Holland, offering for sale a large and valuable library ; on motion the Secretary was instructed to write to him and request a catalogue of the books, and a statement of the price asked for the library.

The Secretary reported that the five hundred bibles ordered had been received, and nearly two hundred had been sold ; also that the bill from Rev. Dr. A. De Sola for the bibles, amounting to \$475.00 had been paid, which action was on motion, approved.

Mr. Joseph Trounstone was elected Treasurer, in place of Mr. M. Hellman, resigned.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE.
CINCINNATI, Feb., 14, 1875.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Centennial reported progress.

The Committee on procuring an assistant for the Secretary presented the following report :

To the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of procuring an assistant for the Secretary, beg leave to report :

That after an investigation of the subject, we are of the opinion that it is unnecessary to employ a regular assistant, for the reason that the work of the Secretary is not of that character that an assistant is at all times required.

At the same time, it is proper to state that at intervals the labor is greater than one man can conveniently perform. For these reasons we recommend that the Secretary be authorized to procure assistance whenever he may require the same, and in view of the fact that the labor connected with the office of the Secretary is so constantly increasing, that to ask any member of the Board to personally perform all the duties incumbent, including recording, corresponding, distributing printed matter, collecting and receipting, and filling orders for bibles, etc., would not alone do injustice to any incumbent of the office, but is calculated to injure the welfare of the Union, in its tendency, that this office would not receive its proper attention. We therefore, recommend that the Secretary receive for the present fiscal year a salary of \$300, and that he be required to pay out of the same, any assistant whom he may deem proper to employ.

ADAM A. KRAMER, } Committee.
SOLOMON LEVI, }

On motion the report was adopted.

A bill from Bloch & Co. for \$7.75 for printing and stationery was ordered to be paid.

An order was passed for \$51.28 in favor of the Secretary, for the following payments made by him.

Postage and expressage,	- - - - -	\$11 53
Freight on bibles,	- - - - -	5 15
Stamped envelopes,	- - - - -	16 60
One year's subscription for Hebrew Leader,		5 00
" " " " Jewish Chronicle,		3 00
Two " " " Jewish Times.		10 00

An order was passed in favor of the Treasurer for \$593.75 for a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond purchased by him for the General Fund.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board, Congregation Mount Sinai, of Georgetown, D. C., and Congregation Anshi Chesed, of Scranton, Pa., had become members of the Union.

The following letter was presented and read :

" 35 PARK LANE, GROSVENOR, LONDON,
"December 30, 5635.

"DEAR SIR—Allow me the pleasure of depositing in the library of the College to be established by the Union of the American Hebrew Congregations, a copy of a bible in five folio volumes, containing thirty-two commentaries of our most ancient and most celebrated authors, accompanied by a copy of the statutes for the regulation of the college, 'Ohel Moshe ve Yehoodit,' in Hebrew and English, which I beg the Council of the Union will be pleased to accept and regard as a manifestation of the high esteem in which I hold the zealous exertions of our brethren in America for upholding and vindicating our holy law, as revealed on Sinai, and expounded by the revered sages of the Mishna and the Talmud.

"It will always be a source of high gratification to me to learn the satisfactory progress the students in your college are making in their noble pursuits of our sacred writings, so as to enable them, when necessary, boldly to rise and defend the cause of our holy religion. 'Speak of God's testimonials in the presence of kings and be not ashamed.'

"I have no doubt, in the course of time, your noble example will be followed by many of our brethren, who, under the pressure of circumstances and the influence of unwise teachers, allowed themselves hitherto to deviate from the path of truth, which alone leads man to lasting felicity, and you will, with God's blessing, be permitted to enjoy the pleasing consciousness of having been the originator of so holy a cause.

"With sincere wishes for the welfare of every member of the Council, including yourself and your family, and with fervent prayers for the prosperity of all the Hebrew Congregations in America, and the restoration of glory to Zion.

"I remain, dear sir, yours very truly,

"MOSES MONTEFIORE.

"M. LOTH, Esq., member of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati."

On motion the Secretary was instructed to tender the thanks of the Executive Board to Sir Moses Montefiore for his generous donation.

Letters were read from Mr. B. A. Feineman, of Kansas City, Mo.,

and from Mr. Simon Heavenrich, of Detroit, Mich., transmitting lists of subscriptions from their respective cities. ,

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, April 11, 1875.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the Akron Hebrew Association of Akron, O., had become a member of the Union.

A letter was read from Rev. Dr. Wolfenstein, Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath-schools stating that the Committee would hold a meeting this day at Cleveland, Ohio.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to correspond with the President of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum for the purpose of effecting arrangements in order that the time of holding the anniversary exercises be so changed as not to interfere with the attendance of those gentlemen, who desire to attend both the anniversary exercises and the meetings of the Council.

On motion, the President, Secretary, and Mr. Siegmund Levyn were appointed a Committee to make suitable arrangements for the meeting of the Council at Buffalo, N. Y., on July 13, 1875,

The Board then proceeded to revise the by-laws with the following result :

Articles 1 to 5, to be styled Art. 1, Sections 1 to 5.

Article 7 to be amended by striking out the words "each anniversary of" and the word "payment" and inserting after the word "first," the words "day of September annually."

Article 6 and 7 to be styled Article 2, Sections 1 and 2.

Article 8 to be styled Article 3, Section 1.

Articles 9 and 10 to be styled Articles 7 and 8,

The resolution on page 87 of the proceedings of the Council in reference to reports of Committees appointed by one Council to report to the next Council, to be classified as Section 2, of Article 3.

The resolution on page 92 of same proceedings in reference to proxies, to be classified as Article 4, Section 1, after substituting the word "proxies" for the words "a proxy," and the word "elected" for the word "selected."

The resolutions on pages 94 and 95 of same proceedings in reference to traveling ministers to be classified as Article 5, Sections 1 and 2.

The resolutions on page 88 of same proceedings in reference to donations, to be classified as Article 6, Sections 1 to 6, after being amended as follows : Strike out the word "over" in the first line of Sections 1 to 5 ; substitute the word "but" for the word "and" after the word "donation" in Section 5 ; strike out the words "claim or" and "proposition," and insert after the word "privileges" the words "except those" and after the words "in this" the word "section" all in the same Section 5.

The Secretary was then instructed to have printed five hundred copies of a pamphlet to contain the "Articles of Incorporation," the "Constitution" properly divided into Sections, the "By-laws," and the "Laws for the Government of the Hebrew Union College,"

A letter was read from Mr. George Rosenthal, of Amsterdam, Holland, presenting to the Union a catalogue of the Rosenthal Library in two volumes.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to return the thanks of the Board for the donation, and to ascertain the price asked for the library.

The President reported that on March 22, 1875, he had in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn an order for \$600.63 in payment for a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond purchased by the Treasurer for the General Fund, which action was on motion approved.

On motion an order was passed in favor of the Secretary for the following payments made by him :

Postage	\$1 32
Dr. I. M. Wise, 1 year's subscription for Israel- ite and Deborah,	5 00
Dr. I. M. Wise, for extra copies of papers sent to Committees by order of President Loth	4 00
Premium for one year deposit of \$3000 bonds with Safe Deposit Company,	3 75
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The Secretary reported that the receipts since the last meeting amounted to \$1,124.50, including donations and annual contributions from Shelbyville, Ind. ; Greensburg, Ind. ; Shelbyville, Ills. ; Pana, Ills. ; Rushville, Ind. ; Columbus, Ind. ; Cleveland, O., and Carlisle, Ky.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE
CINCINNATI, June 13, 1875.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from the following congregations informing us that they had become members of the Union :

Washington Hebrew—Washington, D. C.

Rodef Sholem—Petersburg, Va.

Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent—Knoxville, Tenn.

The following letters were read and action had thereon, to-wit :

From Congregation L'shem Shomaim, of Wheeling, W. Va., stating that a re-consideration of the resolution to join the Union had not yet been acted on—ordered to be placed on file.

From Congregation Ohavai Sholem, of Nashville, Tenn., stating their inability to pay dues at present in consequence of building a temple, and informing us that Congregation Bene Yeshurun of that city had dissolved.

From Dr. De Sola, of Montreal, Canada, in reference to the bibles published by him for the U. A. H. C.; on motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform him, that in consequence of the meeting of the Council next month, further action in regard to the bibles would be postponed until then.

From Mr. A. Aub, President of the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, suggesting a postponement of the meeting of the Council for one day, so as not to interfere with the anniversary exercises of the Asylum.

The President reported that he had in conjunction with the Secretary drawn an order on the Treasurer on May 19, 1875 for \$620 in payment of \$500 U. S. bond for the Sinking Fund, which action was on motion approved.

On motion the following payments were ordered to be made, to-wit :

Bloch & Co., printing constitutions, circulars and notices	\$37 50
Secretary, cash paid for stamps,	\$3 00
“ “ “ deposit of bond,	50
“ “ “ express charges,	40
“ “ “ one year's subscription for Jewish Record,	5 00 8 90
Jacob Levinson, one year's services as messenger,	25 00

The report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, and the report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College were received, ordered to be printed and submitted to the Council.

The Secretary read the list of receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$761.50.

The laws ordered to be printed at the last meeting were submitted and on motion approved.

Messrs. A. Aub and Solomon Levi were appointed a Committee to make arrangements for a reduction in the rates of railroad fare for those desiring to attend the meeting of the Council at Buffalo.

The following amendment to the Constitution was proposed by Messrs. L. Levy, and A. Aub ; in Article 9, Section 1 strike out the words "second" and insert in its place the word "third."

Adjourned.

Since the above meeting was held, I have received official information from Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, of Nashville, Tenn. to the effect that the information conveyed to the Executive Board at its meeting on June 13, 1875, that that Congregation had dissolved was erroneous.

Since the last meeting of the Board, I have received official information that the following additional Congregations have become members of the Union :

Beth Ahaba—Richmond, Va.

Mishkan Israel—Selma, Ala.

Bnai Israel—Galveston, Texas.

Beth Israel—Houston, Texas.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1874.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	For What Time.	Amount.
July 1	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton, Ohio.....	1 year.	\$13 00
" 10	Benai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	18 50
" 12	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	1 year.	21 00
" 12	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	62 50
" 14	Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	(balance)	5 00
" 14	Anshe Emeth.....	Peoria, Ills.....	1 year.	30 00
" 14	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport, La.....	"	40 00
" 14	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock, Ark.....	"	50 00
" 14	Achdus Vesholem.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	"	52 00
" 14	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette, Ind.....	"	27 00
" 14	Bnai Israel.....	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	"	20 00
Aug. 16	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro, Ky.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	6 50
Sept. 7	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	"	11 00
" 8	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	"	6 00
" 11	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	"	11 50
" 14	Ahavath Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	26 00
" 18	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	"	9 00
" 26	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	"	19 50
" 28	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	"	27 50
Oct. 1	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	"	44 50
" 8	Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	"	40 00
" 8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, Ohio.....	"	14 50
" 9	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, Ohio.....	"	6 00
" 9	Bnai Sholem.....	Quincy, Ills.....	"	28 00
" 9	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	1 year.	84 00
" 15	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	85 00
" 15	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	"	40 00
" 19	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton, Ohio.....	"	6 50
" 20	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash, Ind.....	1 year.	14 00
" 21	Benai El.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	40 00
" 22	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, Ohio.....	"	6 50
" 31	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Dayton, Ohio.....	"	17 00
Nov. 7	Bnai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	"	39 00
" 8	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	"	9 50
" 14	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	"	11 50
" 27	Beth El.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	"	20 50
" 30	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	"	16 50
Dec. 1	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	37 50
" 9	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wisc.....	1 year.	18 00
" 14	Benai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	18 50
" 29	Beth Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	"	25 00
1875.				
Jan'y 1	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago, Ills.....	1 year.	120 00
" 3	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	30 00
" 7	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	"	9 50
" 7	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg, Miss.....	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ year.	69 00

1875.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	For What Time.	Amount.
Jan. 12	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport, La.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	20 00
" 13	Benai Israel.....	Nachitoches, La.....	1 year.	30 50
" 17	Temple Beth Zion	Buffalo, N. Y.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	36 00
" 22	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus, Ga.....	"	22 00
" 24	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	"	20 00
" 25	Emanuel.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	1 year.	40 00
" 28	Benai Jehudah.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	11 00
Feb'y 2	Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"	40 00
" 16	Beth Israel.....	Meridian, Miss.....	"	16 50
" 25	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria, La.....	"	20 00
" 26	Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	"	100 00
March 3	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	"	42 50
" 13	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	"	19 50
" 13	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette, Ind.....	1 year.	32 00
" 19	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	8 50
" 20	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	"	5 50
" 21	Beth Zion.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	"	36 50
" 23	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.....	"	30 00
April 5	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	"	17 50
" 8	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	"	58 50
" 11	Or Zion.....	Peru, Ind.....	1 year.	10 00
" 13	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton, Ohio.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	6 00
" 16	Beth El.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	"	15 00
" 16	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, Ohio.....	"	6 00
" 21	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	"	28 00
" 24	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, Ohio.....	"	9 00
" 26	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	"	16 00
May 8	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden, Ark.....	1 year.	18 00
" 13	Anshi Emeth.....	Scranton, Pa.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	17 00
" 13	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington, D. C.....	"	42 50
" 14	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	"	90 00
" 16	Anshi Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	"	9 00
" 18	Benai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	"	38 00
" 18	Benai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	"	11 00
" 19	Bene Yeshurun	Dayton, Ohio.....	"	15 00
" 19	Meadville Hebrew Society...	Meadville, Pa.....	"	9 50
" 25	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	"	62 50
" 25	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	"	12 50
" 27	Beth Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	"	25 00
" 31	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	1 year.	17 00
June 10	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro, Ky.....	"	13 00
" 11	Akron Hebrew Association...	Akron, Ohio.....	"	21 00
" 12	Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	40 00
" 13	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	"	36 50
" 13	Bnai Israel.....	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	1 year.	15 00
" 13	Knoxville Heb. Benevolent..	Knoxville, Tenn.....	"	11 00
" 16	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, Ohio.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	11 50
" 16	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	1 year.	175 00
" 27	Bnai El.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	$\frac{1}{2}$ year.	40 00

Total.....\$2,733 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Collected by L. Eisman, Esq., at Portsmouth, Ohio.

1874.		
July 12.	M. Eichelstein.....	\$4 00
	L. Wise.....	4 00
	H. Richman.....	4 00
	Joseph Lehman.....	4 00
	L. Eisman.....	4 00
	John Eisman.....	1 00

Collected by H. Stern, Esq., at Kalamazoo, Mich.

July 14.	B. M. Desenberg.....	4 00
	H. Stern.....	4 00
	B. L. Desenberg.....	4 00
	M. Cramer.....	2 00
	M. Desenberg.....	4 00
	S. Greenebaum.....	1 00
	M. Cohn.....	1 00
	L. Stern.....	1 00

Collected by Kahn & Bros., Charleston, Ills.

Sept. 25.	Charles Lichten, Jr.....	1 00
	Adolph Lichten.....	1 00
	E. Kahn & Bros.....	2 00

Collected by Joseph Kronthal, Esq., at Sandusky, Ohio.

Oct. 1.	L. Monat.....	3 00
	M. Lebensberger.....	3 00
	Joseph Kronthal.....	3 00
	G. Hart.....	3 00
	Joseph Kugel.....	2 00
	Jacob Kronthal.....	2 00
	N. Bear.....	3 00
	D. Frohman.....	2 00
	Joseph Wertheimer.....	2 00

1875.		
Feb. 28.	Joseph Levinson, Shelbyville, Ind.....	5 00
Mar. 15.	A. Reiter, Greensburg, Ind.....	10 00
	William Goldstein, Shelbyville, Ills.....	2 50
	Max Kleeman, ".....	2 50
	E. Moses, ".....	1 00
	A. Cottlow, ".....	2 00
	Moses Cottlow, ".....	2 00
	Ben Goldstein, Pana, Ills.....	2 50
" 16.	J. Block, Rushville, Ind.....	5 00

Collected by S. Samuels, Esq., at Columbus, Ind.

" 19.	S. Samuels.....	2 50
	F. Fogel.....	2 50
	S. Kiser.....	1 00
	L. Kaufman.....	1 00
	L. Samuels.....	1 00

1875.			
Mar. 19.	L. Silverman	10 00	
	L. King.....	1 00	
	S. Rosenhime.....	1 00	
	D. Samuels.....	1 00	
April 8.	Joseph Salzer, Carlisle, Ky.....	10 00	
May 31.	S. J. Eichelstein, Portsmouth, Ohio.....	4 00	
	L. Wise,	4 00	
	H. Richman,	4 00	
	J. Lehman,	4 00	
	L. Eisman,	4 00	
	J. Eisman,	1 00	
Total		\$144 50	

DONATIONS.

Collected in silver coin by B. Schwarz, Esq., at San Antonio, Texas.

1874.			
Nov. 3.	Max Goldfrank.....	\$2 00	
	Lazarus Frank.....	1 00	
	Max L. Oppenheimer.....	1 00	
	Abr. B. Frank.....	1 00	
	B. Schwarz.....	5 00	
	J. Zander (New Braunfels).....	5 00	
	M. Hulff.....	2 00	
	B. Oppenheimer.....	3 00	
	A. Michel.....	2 00	
	Louis Zork.....	2 00	
	A. M. Cohen.....	2 00	
	A. Oppenheimer.....	2 00	
	D. Oppenheimer.....	2 00	
	Solomon Deutsch.....	2 00	
	W. E. Friedlander.....	2 00	
	H. L. Berg	1 00	
	A. Sichel.....	2 00	
	H. Frank	1 00	
	A. Morris	1 00	
	E. Moke	1 00	
	B. Moke	1 00	
	A. J. Kern.....	1 00	
	L. Mandelbaum.....	1 00	
	H. H. Wolff.....	1 00	
	L. D. Marx.....	1 00	
	G. Berman....	1 00	
	Moses Oppenheimer	1 00	
	M. P. Pfeiffer.....	1 00	
	F. Meyer.....	1 00	
	M. Morrison.....	1 00	
	S. Wolfson.....	1 00	
	Julius Joske.....	1 00	
	L. Moke.....	1 00	
	L. Oeith.....	1 06	
	A. Zork	1 00	
	S. Mayer.....	2 00	
	A. Krakauer	1 00	
	Louis Kern.....	1 00	

1874.		
Nov. 3.	A. Kahn.....	1 00
	P. Sulzbacher.....	1 00
	S. Halff.....	2 00
	Premium on silver.....	4 15

Collected by Sigmund Mann, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio.

1875.		
April 3.	C. Koch.....	50 00
	M. Joseph.....	50 00
	J. Goldsmith.....	50 00
	Manuel Halle.....	50 00
	Moses Halle.....	50 00
	S. Mann.....	50 00
	Sol. Austrian.....	25 00
	Aaron W. Mann.....	25 00
	L. Halle.....	25 00
	A. Wiener & Co.....	25 00
	L. Aufrecht.....	25 00
	K. Hays.....	25 00
	C. K. Halle.....	25 00
	M. Weil.....	25 00
	J. Rohrheimer.....	25 00
	A. Jankau.....	25 00
	Sol. Sloss.....	25 00
	Jos. Hays.....	25 00
	Ed. Muhsam.....	10 00
	J. Goodhard.....	10 00
	J. Reinthal.....	10 00
	H. Bair.....	10 00
June 6.	A. Stern.....	15 00
	E. Ullman.....	10 00
	L. Einstein.....	10 00
	E. Rheinheimer.....	25 00
	Isaac Levy.....	10 00
	Morris Ullman.....	10 00
	Isaac Strauss.....	5 00
	H. Yanowitz.....	5 00

" 13.	Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent Association.....	14 00
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Collected by B. A. Feineman, Esq., at Kansas City, Mo.

" 28.	B. A. Feineman.....	100 00
	Joseph Cahn.....	20 00
	L. Hammerslaugh.....	10 00

Total\$941 15

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1874.		
Sept. 21.	N. D. Menken, Memphis, Tenn., donation to Bible Fund.....	\$100 00
Dec. 29.	Proceeds of gold interest on \$2,000 U. S. bonds.....	87 05
1875.		
June 28.	Proceeds of gold interest on \$3,500 U. S. bond.....	122 85
	From sale of Bibles.....	298 00

Total\$587 90

RECAPITULATION.

Dues from Congregations.....	\$2,733 00
Annual subscriptions	144 50
Donations.....	941 15
Miscellaneous.....	587 90
Total Receipts.....	\$4,406 55
Balance in the hands of Treasurer, July 1, 1874.....	446 89
Total.....	\$4,853 44

DISBURSEMENTS.

(For details see proceedings of Executive Board.)

Printing and stationery.....	\$418 68
Postage.....	55 30
Jewish periodicals.....	37 00
Secretary's salary.....	300 00
Bibles	475 00
Invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds.....	1,500 00
Premium on U. S. 5-20 bonds.....	314 38
Miscellaneous	113 67
Total.....	\$3,214 03
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	\$1,639 41
U. S. 5-20 bonds deposited in Safe Deposit Company, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	3,500 00
Total cash and bonds on hand.....	\$5,139 41
Of which \$3,120.78 belong to the General Fund, and \$2,018.63 belong to the Sinking Fund.	

BIBLE ACCOUNT.

Number of bibles purchased.....	500
Presented	1
Sold	298
Total.....	299
Number of bibles on hand.....	201

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

The great increase in the correspondence and other work connected with the Secretary's office, compels me to again ask the co-operation of the officers of the various Congregations, as it is only by their assistance that the Secretary, upon whom a large share of the official duties of the Executive Board naturally devolves, is enabled to discharge his duties in a manner worthy of the great objects which the Israelites of the United States have undertaken to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

REPRESENTATIVES—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1875 ; including herewith, the accounts of my predecessors, M. Hellman, Esq., Treasurer from July 1, 1874, to October 11, 1874, and M. Loth, Esq., acting Treasurer from October 11, 1874, to December 14, 1874 :

	General Fund.	Sinking Fund.
Balance in Treasurer's hands on July 1, 1874.....	\$ 335 59	\$111 30
Cash received from Lipman Levy, Secretary.....	3,379 22	1,027 33
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	\$3,714 81	\$1,138 63
Orders paid, Nos. 19 to 36, both inclusive.....	2,594 03	620 00
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Balance on hand.....	\$1,120 78	\$518 63

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH TROUNSTINE, Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath-Schools.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The undersigned Committee appointed by the last Council at Cleveland with the order to report :

“On the probable improvement and unification of the Sabbath-schools, and to ascertain by correspondence with prominent teachers and directors of Sabbath-schools :

“1. The studies to be introduced in each Sabbath-school.

“2. The time to be devoted weekly to each respective study in each class.

“3. The existing English text-books for these studies, and their lowest prices for the uses of schools.

“Where the necessity of any new text-book exists, and how to be obtained best and cheapest,”

beg leave to submit the following :

Considering that an improvement of the Sabbath-school depends on good text-books, your committee recommended to the Council at Cleveland, to be authorized to offer three prizes : one for the best catechism, one for the best biblical, and one for the best post-biblical history. Your Board set the amount of the prizes at \$100 each, and resolved that the books finally accepted by the Union shall in addition be entitled to the honorary privilege of the publication thereof, under the sanction of the Union, the copyright to remain the property of the author.

The Chairman of your Committee issued in conformity with this, an advertisement through the columns of the “American Israelite” inviting authors to send their manuscripts to his address. But till to-day no manuscript has been received. As some gentlemen, whose names we are not entitled to mention, declared themselves willing to compose text-books of biblical and post-biblical history, but considered the time for preparing their manuscripts as too short, we therefore would recommend that the offer of prizes for the best biblical

and best post-biblical history may be valid to February 1, 1876, also that the offer of a prize for the best catechism may be forthwith withdrawn.

As ordered, your Committee entered upon a correspondence with teachers and superintendents of seventy Sabbath-schools of this country, but only twenty-six answered to the questions laid before them. From these answers we learn that it is necessary that the following studies should be introduced in our Sabbath-schools :

1. Hebrew in all classes from the first elements of reading to translating of portions of the Bible, and of Hebrew prayers, connected with instruction in Hebrew grammar.
2. Biblical history in all the lower classes.
3. Post-biblical history in the higher classes.
4. Catechism in the classes preparing for the confirmation, and in the confirmation class.
5. Singing, especially of religious songs.

The greater part of the time shall be devoted to the instruction in Hebrew and the remainder of the time equally divided to the other studies. The teaching of Hebrew in all Sabbath-schools of our Congregations, if well cared for, will lead to the unification aspired to *per se*.

The existing text-books for the Sabbath-schools are of a large number, but as many of our correspondents maintain "they all come not fully up to our wants ;" especially is it the Catechism, of which at least fifteen various different text-books are in use ; of course every author declares his book as the best. The Committee not being authorized to examine the qualifications of the various text-books, only reports, that the most used of the catechisms are : Dr. Szold's Catechism, price 30 cents ; Dr. Szold's "Urim wetumin," price 40 cents ; and Dr. Wise's Judaism, price \$4.50 per dozen. Of text-books for the studies in Hebrew are the most used ; Manheimer's "Mefalles Nossif," price 60 cents a book, highly recommended by a large number of teachers, and Dr. Felsenthal's Hebrew Grammar, price 50 cents.

The text-books most wanted are for biblical and post-biblical history ; we hope that the manuscripts which get the offered prizes, will come in print and satisfy the wants.

Concerning a "probable unification" of our Sabbath-schools, the Committee maintains, that only professional men can and shall act upon this matter, and as the Union has no right nor power to inter-

fere in any manner whatsoever with the internal affairs of any Congregation, we do not consider it advisable to make to that effect any plan whatever. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
MOSES HALLE,
ISAAC REINTHAL,
M. HIRSHBERG,
HENRY MACK.

Committee.

Report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN :—The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have the honor to submit to you for reference to the Council, in accordance with law, their annual report, embodying therein : The code of laws for the general internal government of the Hebrew Union College ; the laws establishing the “ Faculty and Curriculum ” and the By-laws adopted by the Board :

The Board immediately after the adjournment of the Council at Cleveland met and organized, and then proceeded to the election of its officers, with the following result :

Henry Mack, of Cincinnati, O., President.

Nathan Bloom, of Louisville, Ky., Vice-President.

Adam A. Kramer, of Cincinnati, Secretary.

Upon ballot, pursuant to the laws of the Union, the terms of the nine members of the Board elected from the Council, were fixed as follows :

Herman E. Sterne, Peru, Ind., one year.

Nathan Bloom, Louisville, Ky., one year.

Henry Adler, Cincinnati, O., one year.

Josiah Cohen, Pittsburg, Pa., two years.

Leopold Rosenfeld, Cincinnati, O., two years.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, Cincinnati, O., two years.

Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, St. Louis, Mo., three years.

Henry Mack, Cincinnati, O., three years.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Cincinnati, O., three years.

The Board has also entered into arrangements, by which the Preparatory Department of the College will be opened on or before the first day of October, 1875, and it has every assurance that the great educational objects of the Union, will be speedily attained. The Board urges the necessity of obtaining the amount necessary for the permanent establishment of the College at the earliest time, and earnestly hopes that the Israelites of the country will join hands and hearts in their material and moral support of the Union, and its noble aims.

In conclusion the Board desires to express its satisfaction, with the work already begun, which it regards auspicious of lasting success, and with a continuance of the harmony, zeal, and liberality of the co-workers in the great enterprise, we can say "the Union will be one and inseparable ; it must and shall be preserved."

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM A. KRAMER, Secretary

CODE OF LAWS FOR THE GENERAL INTERNAL GOVERNMENT OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. The standard for admission into the several departments of the Hebrew Union College, shall be fixed by the "Faculty" in pursuance of, and consistent with, the constitution and laws of the Union, and subject to the approval of the Board of Governors.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The College year shall commence on the first day of July, and close on the last day of June of each year.

SEC. 2. The first session of the College shall commence on the first Monday in September, and end on the Friday preceding the first Monday in February, and the second session shall commence on the first Monday in February, and close on the last Friday in June.

SEC. 3. No Professor, Preceptor, or any other officer of the College, shall be absent from any session, except in case of personal

sickness, without the consent of the "Board of Governors," and all absentees shall forfeit their pay for any time lost, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

SEC. 4. All Professors and Preceptors are required to be present in their rooms, and have such presence duly reported to the President, at least ten minutes before the opening of the College daily, and any violation shall subject the delinquent to a deduction of salary equal to one fourth of the day's pay, unless the Board shall otherwise order; and a register shall be kept by the President of the Faculty for that purpose.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The Faculty shall adopt proper rules of discipline for the government of the students, subject however to the approval or amendment of the "Board of Governors."

SEC. 2. Each Professor and Preceptor shall submit a monthly report to the President of the Faculty, giving a history of the affairs under their management, and the same shall, together with a general monthly report of the President, be submitted to the "Board of Governors."

SEC. 3. The President shall also render an annual report to the "Board of Governors," containing a synopsis of the year's work and embodying such suggestions and recommendations in reference to the course of study, classification, discipline, and other subjects as may in his judgment advance the interests of the College.

ARTICLE IV.—*Expenditures.*

SEC. 1. All bills for expenses for the College shall be submitted to the Board for approval, and no contracts or payments shall be made without its authority.

BY-LAWS OF THE "BOARD OF GOVERNORS" OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

ARTICLE I.—*Meetings.*

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, on the first Sunday of every month, at 7½ o'clock P. M., commencing from the first Sunday in August of each year.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion, or at the written request of any three members of the Board, for the transaction of such business as may be presented.

ARTICLE II.—*Officers.*

SEC. 1. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board, and in the absence of both, the Board shall elect a President, *pro tem*.

SEC. 2. The President immediately after the organization of the Board, shall appoint the following standing committees of three members each.

On course of Study and Libraries.

On Examination and Discipline.

On Building and Supplies.

On Salaries, Claims, and Accommodations.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the Board, and attend to all the correspondence. He shall also countersign all warrants for salaries, and for all other expenditures of the College, to be paid by the Executive Board, and shall transmit to the same all such information as may be required.

ARTICLE III.—*Order of Business*

The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes of preceding meeting.
3. Salaries and Expenditures.
4. Communications.
5. Report of President of Faculty.
6. Reports of Committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New and Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order for the government of the Council, entitled Art. VIII., of the by-laws of the Union shall be applicable to this Board so far as consistent.

LAWS ESTABLISHING THE FACULTY AND CURRICULUM OF THE "HEBREW UNION COLLEGE."

ARTICLE I.—*The Faculty.*

SEC. 1. The Faculty of the Hebrew Union College shall consist

of one President, two Professors, two Preceptors, and as many additional Preceptors as the Board of Governors upon recommendation of the President, may from time to time appoint.

THE PRESIDENT.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the President to superintend the College and to see that its laws, rules, and regulations are enforced ; to teach at least one of the higher classes, and to see that all classes are instructed in accordance with the Curriculum. He shall attend all meetings of the Board of Governors held in the city of Cincinnati, shall carry out its directions concerning the College, and furnish it with all necessary reports ; he shall with the consent of a majority recommend to the Board, the Professors and Preceptors to be appointed, and shall from time to time invite with the consent of the Board, others than the regular appointed Professors and Preceptors, to lecture before the classes. He shall preside over all meetings of the Faculty, and keep or cause to be kept a correct record thereof ; he shall conduct all examinations of the classes, and shall confer all degrees granted by the Faculty, and the Board of Governors.

PROFESSORS AND PRECEPTORS.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Professors and Preceptors, to teach the classes assigned to them, under the superintendency of the President and in accordance with the Curriculum established by the Board.

ARTICLE II.—*Curriculum for the Preparatory Department.*

SEC. 1. The Preparatory Department shall comprise four grades, each of one school year, and students complying otherwise with the laws and provisions of this College shall be examined for either of these four grades.

SEC. 2. The studies of the first school year (Grade D), shall comprise :

1. Cursory reading of the Pentateuch and selections from Mishnah and Mechilta in the originals.
2. Critical reading of the Psalms in the original.
3. Hebrew Grammar complete.
4. Jewish History from Zerubbabel to the fall of Jerusalem.
5. Compositions in English or German on the above topics.

SEC. 2. The studies of the second school year (Grade C,) shall comprise :

1. Cursory reading of the Historical books of the Bible, and selections from Mishnah and Mechilta.
2. Critical reading of the Proverbs of Solomon in the original.
3. The Aramaic grammar complete.
4. History of the Jews from the fall of Jerusalem to Saadiah Gaon.
5. Compositions on the above topics in English and German.

SEC. 4. The studies of the third school year (Grade B,) shall comprise :

1. Cursory reading of Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and selections from the Targumim in the originals.
2. Critical reading of Isaiah, Hosea, Micah, and Amos, in the originals.
3. Mishnah continued and Pesikta of Rab Rahanah.
4. History of the Jews from Saadiah to the year 1500.
5. Compositions in German on the above topics.

SEC. 5. The studies of the fourth school year (Grade A,) shall comprise :

1. Cursory reading in the original of Jeremiah, Hezekiah, and the minor Prophets, not heretofore mentioned ; and
2. Critical reading of the Book of Job in the original.
3. Selections from the two Talmuds in the original.
4. History of the Jews complete.
5. Compositions on the above topics in German and Hebrew.

SEC. 6. The daily sessions of the College in its Preparatory Department shall be from 4 to 6 P. M., and for lectures on Saturdays and Sundays, at such hours as the President may appoint.

SEC. 7. The division of time to be given to each study shall be made by the Faculty, and submitted to the Board for approval.

ARTICLE III.—*Degrees and Certificates.*

SEC. 1. The Faculty with the consent of this Board, may grant the following degrees :

1. To graduates from the Preparatory Department.
2. To graduates from the Classical Department.
3. To graduates from the Rabbinical Department.
4. To candidates who have passed a satisfactory examination before the Faculty, in any of the said Departments.
5. To distinguished authors in Jewish literature.

SEC. 2. The titles connected with these College degrees shall be established by the Faculty with the consent of the Board, before any such degrees shall be conferred.

SEC. 3. Graduates in any Department and the recipients of any College degrees shall be provided with proper diplomas. Students leaving the College without degrees, shall receive certificates specifying their merits and attainments.

SEC. 4. All Diplomas and Certificates given by this College, shall bear the seal thereof, be signed by the Faculty and the President of the Board, and entered literally on the records of the College.

Note 1.—The Curriculum for the "Hebrew Classical and Rabbinical Departments," shall be made by the Faculty, with the consent of the Board.

Mr. S. I. Loewenstein offered the following resolutions which were adopted :

Resolved, That upon the appointment of the committees, the recommendation in the President's report numbered 1st, 2d, and 3d, be referred to a special committee of five;

That recommendation number 4 be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations ;

That recommendation number 5 be referred to the Committee on Publications ;

That recommendation number 6 be referred to a Special Committee of five ;

That recommendations numbers 7 and 8 be referred to a Special Committee of five ;

That recommendation number 9 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That so much of the Secretary's report as refers to the receipts and disbursements be referred to the Committee on Finance ;

That so much of his report as refers to Bibles be referred to the Committee on Publications.

Resolved, That the correspondence of the Executive Board, and the letter book of the Secretary be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That the Treasurer's report be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be referred to the Committee on Publications.

Resolved, That the report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College be referred to the Committee on Theological Institute.

On motion, the President was instructed to appoint the Special Committees called for in the foregoing resolutions.

Mr. Siegmund Levyn, from the Committee of Arrangements appointed by Congregation Temple Beth Zion of this city tendered an invitation to the members of the Council to a carriage ride through the streets and parks at five o'clock this evening, which invitation, was, on motion, accepted with thanks.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettman, the Council took a recess until two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council re-assembled at two o'clock P. M. President Cohen in the chair.

Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr. offered the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That all delegates arriving during the session shall present their credentials to the Secretary, who shall report them to the Council.

The President announced the appointment of the following committees :

ON THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

Adam A. Kramer, Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Lazarus Silverman, Adolph Woolner.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Lewis N. Dembitz, Jacob Rosenberg, Solomon Levi, Bernhard Bettman, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer.

ON FINANCE.

Simon Heavenrich, Jacob Ezekiel, Emanuel Guthman. Charles Kahn, Jr.. Simon Newmark.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Siegmund Levyn, Leopold Rosenfeld, David J. Workum, Henry Adler, Theobald David.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Emanuel Wertheimer, Samuel Grabfelder, Abraham Aub, Rev. Henry Gersoni, Simon Florsheim.

ON 1ST, 2D & 3D RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PRESIDENT LOTH'S REPORT.

Moritz Loth, David Adler, Rev. Dr. Victor Rundbaken, Isaac L. Blout, Jacob Trost.

ON 6TH RECOMMENDATION IN SAME REPORT.

Rev. Dr. L. Wintner, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal. Lewis Heinsheimer, Rev. Dr. S. Falck, Rev. Isaac Moses.

ON 7TH & 8TH RECOMMENDATIONS IN SAME REPORT.

Simon Wolf, Herman E. Sterne, Julius Freiberg, Rev. Dr. Moritz Tintner. Leopold Kaiser.

Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., proposed the following, which at his request was laid over for future consideration :

Resolved, That any regularly organized Hebrew Association or Society (a regularly organized Congregation excepted), may have the right to become a member of the U. A. H. C., upon the payment of twenty-five dollars per annum, and shall be entitled to one representative at each annual meeting of the Council.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed at the meeting of the Executive Board on June 13, 1875, was voted on and lost.

The following representatives being called upon, addressed the Council : Rev. H. Gersoni, Rev. Dr. S. Falck, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, Mr. Lewis N. Dembitz, and President Josiah Cohen.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer proposed the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Whereas, One of the great primary objects of the "Union" is the creation of the Hebrew Union College, to be free to all, and as the amount required for its permanent establishment should be secured at the earliest possible time, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Council assembled, earnestly urges upon the Israelites of the country to give it their moral and material support in order that its object may be speedily attained.

Resolved, That the Hebrew Congregations of the whole country, north, south, east, and west, are urged to lay aside all minor considerations, for the common welfare, and join the Union, that American Israelites may be one people, with a common loyalty to God, and a united fealty to our great responsibilities and missions.

Mr. Herman E. Sterne offered to be one of forty to donate \$500 additional in order to have the College opened by the first day of October next.

On motion of Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., the Council adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 14, 1875.

The Council met at nine o'clock, A. M. President Cohen in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. Spitz, of Milwaukee, Wis.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. The Committee on Publications presented the following reports :

To the Council of the U. A. H. C. :

The report of last year's Committee on Sabbath-schools, and the fifth recommendation of the President's annual report having been referred to us, we beg leave to report.

We approve the views of the committee in that they withdraw the prize for the best catechism, and in refusing to attempt a unification of Sabbath-schools in doctrinal matters, and in holding that in the study of the Hebrew Language and of passages from the Hebrew bible the only basis of unity can be found.

We approve of the curriculum recommended by them for the Sabbath-schools, except that we have some doubts as to the utility of singing.

As to the prizes for the best biblical and post-biblical history of the Jews, we recommend that they be increased to two hundred dollars for each, (the author to retain his copyright), and that the time for sending in manuscripts be extended to February 1, 1876. We also recommend that the old Committee on Sabbath-schools be discharged and a new Committee appointed for the ensuing year, and that the new committee be instructed to give their opinion in the next annual report as to the best biblical and post-biblical histories of the Jews, already published, either in English or in any other language, provided no manuscripts worthy of the prize should be handed in to them by the 1st of February, 1876.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS N. DEMBITZ,
JACOB ROSENBEG.
SOLOMON LEVI,
BERNHARD BETTMAN,
Rev. Dr. L. MEYER,

Committee.

To the Council of the U. A. H. C. :

On the question of the sale of bibles which was referred to us, we beg leave to state.

That the sale of bibles has been much retarded by the restriction put upon the Secretary, not to send out any copies without pre-payment. We therefore recommend that the Board be empowered to send copies of the bible to trustworthy Israelites, who propose to sell or distribute them in their respective neighborhood, on the terms, that they pay for them as soon as they are sold or otherwise disposed of, or when called upon by the Board to return the undisposed of copies.

We respectfully refer to the Finance Report for a donation of \$100

of which we have reason to believe that it was given with the express purpose of covering deficits which might arise from such a course.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS N. DEMBITZ,
JACOB ROSENBERG,
SOLOMON LEVI,
BERNHARD BETTMAN,
REV. DR. L. MEYER,

Committee.

On motion the reports were received and laid over for future action.

The Committee on Finance presented the following reports, which on motion were laid over for future consideration.

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.:

We, your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find the same correct as per printed report.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON HEAVENRICH,
JACOB EZEKIEL,
EMANUEL GUTHMAN,
CHARLES KAHN, JR.,
SIMON NEWMARK,

Committee.

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.:

We, your Committee to whom was referred recommendation number 9 in President Loth's report would respectfully recommend that a soliciting committee of two be appointed, whose duty it shall be to visit those large cities where there are congregations who have not yet joined the Union, in order to induce those congregations to affiliate with us.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON HEAVENRICH,
JACOB EZEKIEL,
EMANUEL GUTHMAN,
CHARLES KAHN, JR.,
SIMON NEWMARK,

Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report which was on motion of Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., received and adopted:

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.:

We, your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that we have examined the letter-book of the Secretary, and have no ac-

tion to propose in regard thereto, as the letters relate nearly altogether to the routine business of the Union.

SIEGMUND LEVYN,
LEOPOLD ROSENFELD,
DAVID J. WORKUM.
HENRY ADLER,
THEOBALD DAVID,
Committee.

The following resolution proposed by Messrs. E. Guthman, Simon Heavenrich, and Charles Kahn Jr., was adopted :

Resolved, That upon any resolutions reported by the Standing or Special Committees, no delegate shall be allowed to speak longer than five minutes, except the chairman of the various committees who may occupy ten minutes to close the argument.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal the resolution offered by him and adopted by the Council in 1874, at Cleveland, Ohio, (pages 85-6 of the proceedings), was re-affirmed.

Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., asked for and was granted permission to withdraw the resolution offered by him on yesterday.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Mann, of Cleveland, Ohio, expressing his regret that unavoidable circumstances prevented his attendance at the meeting of the Council.

A telegram was read from Rev. A. Blum, of Galveston, Texas, stating that he and Rev. J. L. Meyer, of Houston, Texas, had been detained, but expected to arrive to-day.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, seconded by Mr. Louis Heinsheimer, the following was adopted :

Resolved, That the Board of Governors be, and is hereby instructed to consult Hebrew scholars both in Europe and America as to the course of study to be pursued in the future Rabbinical College to be established by this Union.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal addressed the Council upon the subject, and on motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, the Doctor was requested to write out his remarks in order to have them incorporated with the proceedings of the Council. (See page 168.)

The Special Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee to whom was referred paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of the President's report, beg leave to report as follows :

That they find this question of such great importance to the cause

of Judaism that they should become the topic in every family in Israel. We therefore respectfully recommend that a custom should be inaugurated to make Friday evening the social reception evening among the Israelites, after attending the Friday evening service, at which it is expected that the Rabbi is to deliver a well-prepared lecture of a half hour's duration.

The families shall interchange visits in which young and old shall participate, and at this social gathering the great questions of keeping the Sabbath, of joining a congregation, and that each congregation shall become a member of the Union, should form the theme.

The natural results would be that many who now disregard the Sabbath, and who stay aloof from joining a congregation, would see their great error, and resolve to observe the Sabbath, to join a congregation, and to exert themselves in bringing that congregation into the folds of the Union. It should henceforth be the great aim of every man and woman in Israel to observe the Sabbath, to join a congregation, and attend with their families the Friday evening service, and also attend promptly the divine service on the Sabbath, in order to encourage their respective Rabbis to prepare good lectures and sermons.

It is sad to behold in many of the temples the lack of attendance. Such a course is a positive slight to the Rabbi who is thus discouraged in his efforts and prevented from making his abilities felt, and being of greater benefit to his congregation and their children.

Fertile as the mind is in imagination, rich as it is in conception, it is inadequate to imagine the vast benefits which will result to every Israelite by observing the Sabbath as a day of rest, devoted to mental elevation and advancement by each and every one of them ; to be members of a congregation, taking pride in having proper men in the pulpits, and by having their congregations in the folds of this Union. And an annual council of the elders in Israel shall be held to exchange views and ideas in order to advance the prosperity of Judaism and its adherents.

To bring about such happy results requires the united exertions of the whole people, and none can give it greater impetus than the mothers and daughters in Israel. We look to them, to the Rabbis, and to the orders of Bnai Brith, Keshet Shel Barzel, and Free Sons of Israel, to extend their good offices in inducing every Israelite to carry out these views.

Let them all assist in bringing these measures into practical existence, and their work will be called by this and future generations : "Blessed."

We respectfully recommend to have this report accepted as the sense of the Council.

MORITZ LOTH,
D. ADLER,
ISAAC L. BLOUT,
JACOB TROST,
VICTOR RUNDBAKEN.

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, the report was received and the consideration of it laid over.

The two reports from the Committee on Publication were taken up and on motions respectively made by Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., and Mr. L. Rosenfeld adopted.

The Committee Reports of Congregations presented the following report, which was on motion of Mr. B. Bettman adopted.

To the Council of the U. A. H. C. :

We, the undersigned Committee on Reports of Congregations respectfully report, that having considered the 4th recommendation contained in President Loth's report, viz :

"To take into consideration whether it would be advisable to recommend to the congregations that all the children after their confirmation shall, for three successive years, form a class for Biblical reading and discussions, and elect annually from this class assistant teachers for the different grades of the Sabbath-schools."

We find it highly commendable for Congregations to act in accordance therewith, and deem it advisable that this Council should recommend it.

EMANUEL WERTHEIMER,
SIMON FLORSHEIM,
HENRY GERSONI,
A. AUB,
SAMUEL GRABFELDER,
Committee.

An invitation was received from the Committee of Arrangements of Congregation Temple Beth Zion of this city, for delegates to attend a summer night's festival, to be given in their honor this evening at Washington Park.

On motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettman, the Council took a recess until half past two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Council re-assembled at half past two o'clock, President Cohen in the chair.

The President announced the presence of Rev. A. Blum, delegate from Congregation Bnai Israel of Galveston, Texas, and Rev. J. L. Meyer, delegate from Congregation Beth Israel of Houston, Texas.

The President stated that he had appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee on Sabbath-Schools: Rev. Dr. L. Wolfenstein, Julius Freiberg, Rev. J. L. Meyer, Rev. A. Blum, and David J. Workum.

The report of the Committee on Finance, on the books of the Secretary and Treasurer was taken up and on motion of Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., adopted.

The report from the same committee on the appointment of a Soliciting Committee was taken up, and after being amended by permitting the Committee therein designated to add to their number, was adopted.

The Committee on Theological Institute presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your committee on Theological Institute, beg leave to submit the following report :

Your Committee has carefully examined the printed report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, and recommend the adoption of

1st. The Code of Laws for the general internal government of the College as reported.

2d. The By-laws of the Board of Governors as reported.

3d. As the Hebrew Union College was not intended solely for the education of ministers, but also for the general education of the Jewish youth and others, we recommend the adoption of the Curriculum as reported, with the following additional article :

ARTICLE IV.

SEC. 1. Students not desiring to be educated or graduated as ministers shall be admitted into the Preparatory Department, without being versed in the Hebrew Language, and may be excused from those branches in the Curriculum, requiring compositions on the different topics.

SEC. 2. The Board of Governors shall establish a separate class for the instruction of the Hebrew language to such students as may be admitted in conformity with Section 1 of this article.

Respectfully submitted

ADAM A. KRAMER,
LAZARUS SILVERMAN,
ADOLPH WOOLNER,
DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
ISAAC M. WISE.

Committee.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettman, the report was taken up for action *seriatim*.

The first and second paragraphs of the report were adopted.

On the motion to adopt the first section of the third paragraph, the ayes and nays were called with the following result :

Ayes.—Trost, Loewenstein, Exstein, Loth, Lipman Levy, Kramer, David, Workum, Woolner, Gehr, Bernheim, Sterne, Silverman, Rosenberg, Raphael Kahn, Gersoni, Brock, Florsheim, Kaiser, Wolfenstein, David Adler, Wallach, Wise, Blum, Rundbaken.=25.

Nays.—Sol. Levi, Aub, Rosenfeld, Bettman, Heinsheimer, Moses, Henry Adler, Guthman, Freiberg, Ezekiel, Charles Kahn, Jr., Lilienthal, Grabfelder, Mossler, Sloss, Heavenrich, Dembitz, Joseph Gundersheimer, Hirschfeld, Wintner, Schloss, Nat. Gundersheimer, Falck, Levyn, L. Meyer, Josiah Cohen, Wertheimer, Samuel Levy, Rissor, New, Newmark, Tintner, Spitz, Isidore Cohn, Wolf, Blout, J. L. Meyer, Reinthal.=38.

The President declared the motion lost.

On motion of Mr. Bettman, the second section of the third paragraph was laid on the table.

Mr. Dembitz proposed the following amendment to be inserted in the report in place of the sections which had been stricken out : As the Hebrew Union College was not intended solely for the education of ministers, but also for the general education of the Jewish youth and others, we recommend the adoption of the Curriculum as reported, with the following additional article :

Art. 4, Sec. 1. Such students as do not desire to become ministers or to graduate as such, shall be excused from such studies as the Board of Governors may designate.

On motion of Mr. Heinsheimer the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Wolf, the report as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Wolf moved to reconsider the vote adopting the report, and on motion of Mr. Heinsheimer, this motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Charles Kahn, Jr., it was resolved that the next annual meeting of the Council be held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa.

On motion of Mr. Trost, the vote taken on yesterday by which the proposed amendment to the Constitution was rejected, was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Aub, the subject was made the special order for half past nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Loth announced that Messrs. Lazarus Silverman and Jacob Rosenberg, of Chicago, Ills., had just subscribed one thousand dollars each, in aid of the Hebrew Union College.

Mr. Aub stated that three boys just graduated from the Cleveland Orphan Asylum, would be publicly examined in their studies in this hall at half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning. to which time, on motion, the Council then adjourned.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 15, 1875.

At half past eight o'clock A. M., President Cohen in the chair, the three graduates from the Cleveland Orphan Asylum were examined in Hebrew by Rev. Drs. Wise, L. Meyer, Falck, Wintner, and Spitz.

The proceedings were then opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The amendment to the Constitution being the special order, Mr. Simon Wolf proposed the following as a substitute for Art. 9, Sec. 1:

"The Council shall meet on such day in July annually, as the Executive Board shall each year determine, at the place designated in last meeting of the Council, of which time and place the Congregations shall be duly notified."

On a vote being taken, the amendment was lost, thirty voting in the affirmative and sixteen in the negative, not the required majority.

On motion of Mr. Wolf, the vote by which the Council resolved to meet next year in Philadelphia, Pa. was reconsidered, and the resolution, on motion of Mr. Kramer, being amended by substituting the words Washington, D. C. in place of the words Philadelphia, Pa., was then adopted.

The report of the Committee on the 1st, 2d, and 3d paragraphs of the recommendations contained in President Loth's report, was taken up for action.

Mr. Simon Wolf proposed the following as a substitute for the report, which being accepted by the Committee, was on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the ideas contained in paragraphs Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the ex-President's Annual Message, are pertinent.

That we find these questions of such great importance to the cause of Judaism, that they should become the topic of converse in every family in Israel.

Resolved, That it should be the great aim of every man and woman in Israel to observe the Sabbath, to join a congregation, and attend with their families the services on the Sabbath in order to encourage their respective rabbis to prepare good lectures and sermons.

Resolved, That to bring about such happy results requires the united exertion of the whole people, and none can give it greater impetus than the mothers and daughters in Israel, and suggest to them to aid us to have their congregation join the Union.

The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, which was on motion adopted :

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.:

Your Committee who have had under consideration paragraphs 7 and 8 of the recommendations in President Loth's report, have the honor to submit the following as their report :

That in their judgment the time is inopportune to carry out or even devise a plan in accordance with the suggestions made in paragraph 7. That the Union to be fostered, must have at its inception as few "entangling" schemes as possible, for fear that in striving for generalities, we may possibly lose the substance.

Furthermore, that the wish conveyed in paragraph 8, is in every way commendable, and is most respectfully suggested to every Israelite in this country, but we cannot see what legislation could be had by this Council which would give force or strength to the laudable desire.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON WOLF,
HERMAN E. STERNE,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
REV. DR. MORITZ TINTNER,
LEOPOLD KAISER,

Committee.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN—Your Committee to whom was referred recommendation number 6 of the President's report beg leave to submit the following as their report :

That the Council of the American Hebrew Congregations recommend that the congregations composing the Union pass such measures as will enable their ministers to exchange pulpits with each other, and also to act in such a cordial and brotherly manner toward their neighboring congregations who have not the means of sustaining a permanent minister, by not only permitting, but actually encouraging and enabling their respective ministers to occasionally visit such and afford them religious instruction.

REV. DR. L. WINTNER,
REV. DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
LEWIS HEINSHEIMER,
REV. ISAAC MOSES,
REV. DR. S. FALCK,

Committee.

On motion it was adopted to appoint a committee of five to make nominations for members of the Executive Board, and Board of Governors. The President appointed the following as the Committee : Messrs. Lilienthal, Dembitz, Loth, Heavenrich, and Freiberg.

Mr. B. Bettman offered the following, which was adopted.

Whereas, the members of the Congregation Temple Beth Zion have, during the session of this Council extended to us a hospitality

the princely liberality of which has only been equalled by its heart-felt generosity, and

Whereas, the ladies of the said congregation have in a great measure contributed to make our stay in their beautiful city so pleasant and homelike,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to our brethren of Buffalo and their good ladies, with our sincere wishes that they may flourish and prosper as they so richly deserve. Be it furthermore

Resolved, that our thanks are due and hereby extended to the Daily Press of this city for the correct and very able manner in which they have reported our proceedings.

Mr. Jacob Trost offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby tendered to Miss Sophie Freedman, of Buffalo, N. Y., for the beautiful poem composed by her, and dedicated to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Resolved, That the poem be printed in the report of the proceedings of this Council. (See page 171.)

On motion of Mr. Loth, Messrs. Henry Brock, and Jacob Altman, were appointed a committee with power to add to their number, for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions from the Israelites of Buffalo, in aid of the cause of the Union.

Mr. B. Bettman offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, that Rev. J. L. Meyrr and Messrs. Sol. Rosenfeld and A. Harris, of Houston, Texas, and Rev. Blum, Messrs. M. Kopperl and J. C. Levy, of Galveston, Texas, be appointed a special committee for the purpose of promoting and advocating the purposes of this Union in their State, with power to add to their number.

The following resolutions offered by Messrs. Wise, Stern, and Wintner, were adopted :

Resolved, that this Council recognize the duty of the Union of A. H. C., to give material support to indigent students in the Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, that the Executive Board be and is hereby entitled, during the first year of the activity of the said College, to pay over the sum of not exceeding *fifteen hundred dollars*, to the Board of Governors, to be expended in support of indigent students in the said Hebrew Union College.

Messrs. Ezekiel and Heavenrich offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, that this Council consider the establishment of a Jewish publication concern a moral necessity, to be one of the institutions under the government of this Union of the A. H. C,

Resolved, that a committee of five be appointed to consult with any organized body having this object in view, and to report to the Executive Board prior to June, 1876, a complete project to establish and govern such publication concern under the Union of the A. H. C.

Mr. Simon Wolf offered the following which was adopted :

Resolved, that we recognize the eminent services of the American Consul, at Bucharest, Hon. B. F. Piexotto, and that we extend to him our hearty thanks for his noble and generous labors in behalf of the downtrodden and oppressed.

On motion of Mr. Leopold Rosenfeld, President Josiah Cohen was added to the Committee of two ordered to be appointed in accordance with the report of the Committee on Finance ; the President then appointed Messrs. Simon Wolf and Moritz Loth as that Committee.

Messrs. Exstein and Bettman offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, that a vote of thanks be and is hereby tendered to Josiah Cohen, Esq., for the able and impartial manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council ; likewise to the other officers for the faithful discharge of their several duties.

Mr. H. Brock offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, that the invitation of several citizens of Rochester to the Hon. Simon Wolf, Josiah Cohen. and A. A. Kramer, and such other delegates as may choose to go, for the purpose of inducing the Reform congregation there to join the Union, be accepted.

The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, which was on motion adopted :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee to whom was referred the nomination of three members to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, and ten members to the Executive Board, whose present term of office is expiring with the present Council, beg leave to recommend the following names :

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Mr. Herman E. Sterne,	Peru, Ind.
“ Nathan Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.
“ Henry Adler,	Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mr. Bernhard Bettman,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
“ Abraham Aub,	“
“ Simon Wolf,	Washington, D. C.

Mr. Lipman Levy,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" Lazarus Silverman,	Chicago, Ills.
" Henry Marks,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" Henry Brock,	Buffalo, N. Y.
" Charles Kahn, Jr.,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
" S. Ullman,	Louisville, Ky.
" B. F. Feineman,	Kansas City, Mo.

We also beg leave to recommend that after the members of the Executive Board hereby proposed shall have been elected, the following three members of that Board shall be elected to the Board of Governors : Messrs. Adam A. Kramer, Solomon Levi, and Bernhard Bettman. All of which is respectfully submitted,

MAX LILIENTHAL,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
SIMON HEAVENRICH,
MORITZ LOTH,
LEWIS N. DEMBITZ,

Committee.

On motion, the President was instructed to cast the ballot in behalf of the members of the Council for the candidates named in the foregoing report, which being done they were severally declared duly elected.

Mr. Simon Wolf presented the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, that the thanks of the Union are sincerely tendered to Moritz Loth, Esq., President of the first Council and Executive Board, for his untiring zeal, and generous and disinterested services in the cause of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and for the fearless and impartial manner in which he has so nobly discharged the duties of his office.

Resolved, that the foregoing be entered upon the minutes of the Council, and a copy thereof be engrossed and presented to Moritz Loth, Esq.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, that the Executive Board of this Union be and is hereby instructed to issue either a special address, or have such a one inserted in their next annual report, requesting the congregations, to prevent as much as is in their power, the establishment of new congregations where congregations are already in existence, and to effect by a hearty union of the Israelites residing in one place, a strengthening of our young congregations.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. Herman E. Sterne donated \$500 additional to the funds of the Union.

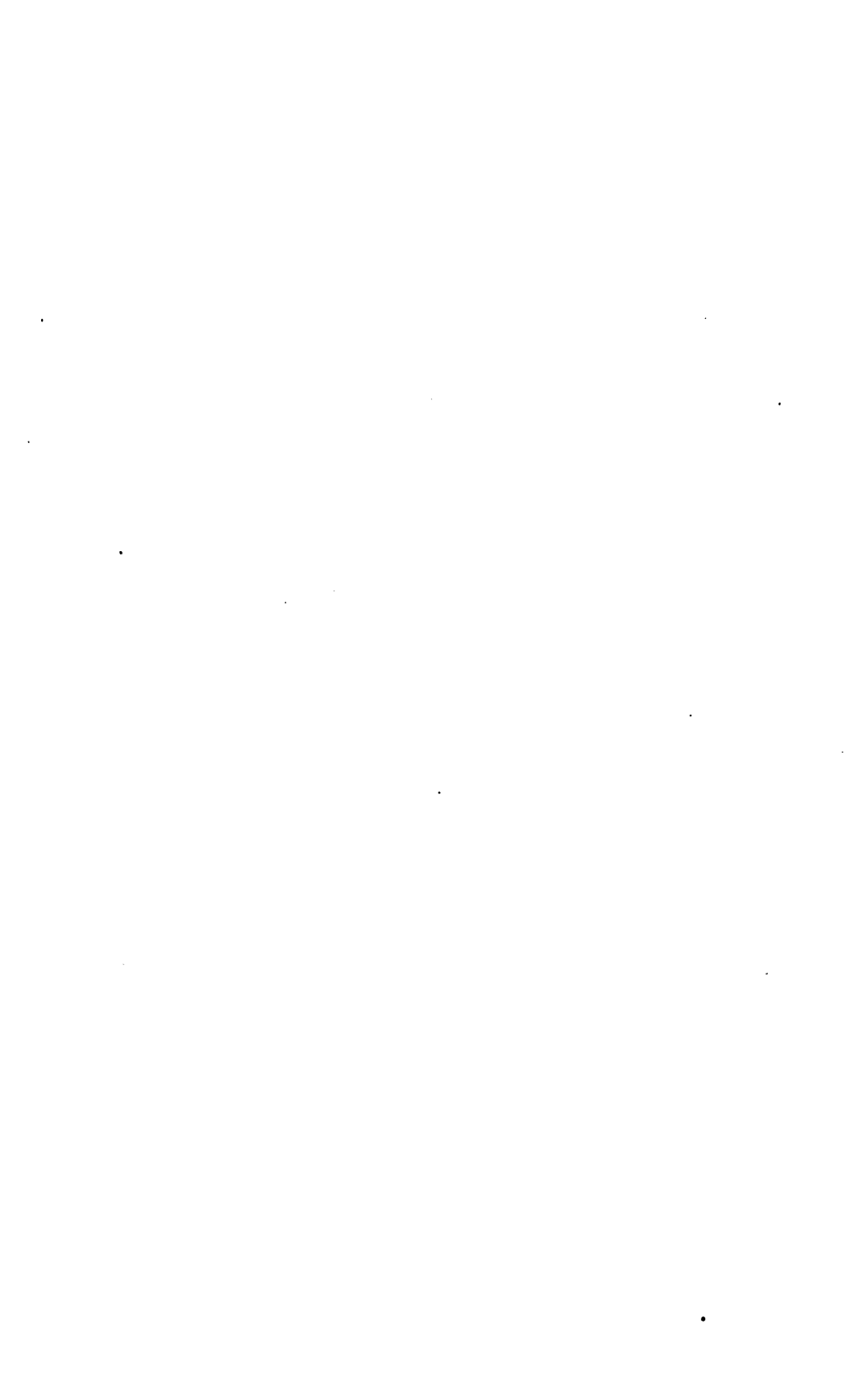
The proceedings were then closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, whereupon the Council adjourned *sine die*.



JOSIAH COHEN, President.

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

S. I. LOEWENSTEIN, Ass't Sec'y.



APPENDIX.

Remarks made by Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal on the Resolution offered by him (on page 155), in reference to the Course of Study for the Hebrew Union College.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN OF THE COUNCIL.—In offering this resolution, I have two important purposes in view. First, a well-digested course of study for the future College. I know it may seem premature to many of you already now to speak of the preparation of such a plan, when the Board of Governors intends merely to open a preparatory school for the College, and we have no students fit to enter the College proper.

But I hold the preparation of such a course of study as we shall need for American students of Jewish theology, of such importance that we can not go early enough to the task to be imposed on us.

There is a world-wide difference between the qualifications required of a rabbi in Europe, and a rabbi in America. American reform has battered a mighty breach in the old ceremonial institutions; and many a Jewish code, replete with ordinances for the social, domestic, and religious life, has become obsolete and useless. It is only a literary memento of bygone ages, but no longer of any practical value; why should the student who has so much to learn, waste his precious youth and time with the study thereof?

Again, the student in Europe is used to spend ten to twelve years in preparatory schools and the finishing universities, before dreaming of entering the arena of active life. We, in this country, are of quite another disposition; life, real, active, earnest, attracts the attention and engages the energy even of our youth. Young America is a restless, active set of men. They are hardly willing to spend the greatest part of their youth on school-benches, and hence it will become our duty to prepare a course of study, doing justice both to our cause and the national temper of our future students.

I am, therefore, often greatly puzzled when I stand before my Jewish library, look at the large number of the old folios, and ask myself: How many of them are of any real, practical value to the

future student of Jewish theology? The knowledge of them is, as Herbert Spencer of other folios says, merely a badge of honor; and many a minister can do without it, and be an efficient and useful minister anyhow.

The questions therefore arise: What shall be taught? Why shall it be taught? And how shall it be taught?

You all will perceive that these vital questions are not so easily answered. At the Rabbinical Conference, held some years ago in Cincinnati, these questions were sprung, and the Committee presented some plan, which was neither fairly considered, nor thoroughly elaborated. The Conference was drawing to a close, and the Committee, though composed of able men, had not the time for giving the subject an elaborate consideration, and the results of their own full experience.

Let us beware of repeating the same mistake, and rather in due time look to the preparation of a course of study worthy of our cause and our enterprise.

But besides the difficulty of making the proper selections from the stores of the immense Talmudical and Rabbinical literature, we must not lose sight of the studies required for the student of modern theology. This is not the time and place for debating this subject; I shall only allude to the fact that comparative philology, comparative mythology, and a host of other new sciences have now to be mastered by the student of theology. Philosophy and history have to be taught from the new standpoint required for these sciences, in order to be up to the wants of the time, and to enable the future Rabbi to treat the burning questions of the day with the wisdom and thorough knowledge they will require. The office of the future Rabbi will no less be a highly responsible one, than an elevating and ennobling one.

By these few and scanty hints it is easy to infer that a course of study answering all these purposes, requires mature and full consideration, and hence I took the liberty of offering my resolution; but I intentionally stated in it that the elaboration of the plan be entrusted not merely to the members of the Council, but that Hebrew scholars both in Europe and America be consulted and requested to assist us with their learning and experience.

If I have added this proposition in order to obtain all possible information, and to hear the views of men fully acquainted with the

progress of modern science and the needs of modern Judaism, I have also done it for the reason, to show our brethren that this institution will not be established for personal purposes with narrow-minded egotistical views, but that the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is in good earnest to establish, as Webster used to say, a union of hands, hearts, and sentiments.

I am a man of peace, and am sure I express the unanimous sentiment of this large assembly if I assert that we are tired of the wrangling and quarreling of some of the Jewish ministers of this country. The Congregations want peace and harmony ; let the ministers, the preachers and teachers of peace, set the good example of extending the brotherly hand of reconciliation. If mistakes have been made, and they have been made, it is no use of denying it, let them be forgotten. "Let the dead past bury its dead." Let every one do it for the good of the cause in which we all are engaged, for the honor of Judaism, and our sacred and true religion.

For this purpose, gentlemen, I have added this clause to my resolution. Let us show the world that we are first in soliciting harmony, in advocating reconciliation, in fostering mutual good will. And when we all of this generation shall have been gathered to our fathers, and the Hebrew College will stand and flourish, a pride and glory of future generations, it will be one of the proud ornaments of American Judaism, will testify to the zeal which inspired us ; and record the names of all our united good and learned men as a blessing to Israel.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, amidst cheers and loud applause.

The following poem was written by Miss Sophie Freedman, of Buffalo, N. Y., and read by her at the summer night festival, given by Congregation, Temple Beth Zion of that city, to the members of the second Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on July 14, 1875.

A POEM OF WELCOME.

Buffalo, Queen City of the West,
Now so beautifully decked and drest,
To thee have they given the honor true,
To bid thrice welcome, dear guests to you.

God, who has guided your footsteps aright,
Who has watched your progress from morn to night,
Has ordained that through his divine intervention
We are enabled to-day to greet this Convention.

Not pleasure bids you join us here,
But to labor for Israel's glory, dear.
Your aim is noble, and great your desire,
And posterity in justice will your effort admire.

Just one year has been numbered with the past
Since our names upon your roll were cast,
Since it became our highest duty
To enhance Israel's worth and beauty.

As a ship on the ocean, in all its pride,
Strives to battle with the elements and the tide,
We launched upon the world's rough sea,
That knowledge of Him to whom we bend the knee.

Proudly our flag waves in the air,
Its penants floating long and fair,
And never shall we anchor more
Till God calls us to that blissful shore.

Union, in thee shall we our watchword find,
To thee are all our hearts inclined.
Thou shalt stand at the helm and bid us brave
The foaming sea and the tossing wave.

We stand upon life's earnest stage
And "Onward" is the motto of the age.
The past has left us, the future lies hidden;
Let the present then claim our attention unbidden.

Many a siege lies before us now.
Brave warriors take a solemn vow
That come what may, and come what will,
Their struggle for right they can never still.

For freedom of conscience can never fail,
Though weak the mind the body frail,
To stand as firm as a rock near the sea,
To gather hidden treasure like the busy bee.

May the truths which you now here expound,
May your teachings, ever deep and profound,
Take root in every heart of ours,
And sprout forth in time like beautiful flowers.

Let wisdom's power hold its sway,
Let victory stand in bright array,
Your toiling shall never be in vain,
For your researches lead not to worldly gain.

May God's ever loving and watchful care,
Your lives far in the future spare,
And when you leave this earthly sphere,
You will leave fond memories, to us so dear.

Let the college, within whose walls,
Within whose portals and stately halls,
So many a youth with fond desires,
Shall thirst for that knowledge he so admires,

Bring light to all who enter there,
And may it ever be protected by God's great care,
May men to Him their tribute bring,
And His glory and praise ever sing.

Then when we have shown to every nation
That we labor for reform and civilization,
That we step forward our right to claim,
Then have we won a glorious name.

Now to close let us ask for a blessing divine,
May heaven's light in splendor o'er you shine,
May our Father guide you in all you do,
And send Mercy and Justice as aids to you.

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the year ending March 1, 1875.

<i>Number.</i>	<i>Name of Congregation.</i>	<i>Where Located.</i>	<i>State.</i>	<i>Minister.</i>	<i>President.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
1	Abavath Achin.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. J. Goldammer...	Herman Loewenstein...	Jacob Trost.....
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.	Rev. Dr. Isaac Schwab...	Louis Roser.....	A. Loewenthal.....
3	Benai Jeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise...	Moritz Loth.....	Frederick Rauh.....
4	Bnai Shalom.....	Quincy.....	Ills.	Rev. Isaac Moses.....	Isaac Leisen.....	Dr. L. H. Cohen.....
5	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.	Rev. E. Fisher.....	Jos. Lebensburger...	Louis Stern.....
6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.	Rev. David Greenbaum...	Leon Adler.....	M. D. Levy.....
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Samuel Epstein.....	B. Benjamin.....	Moses Bing, Jr.....
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal...	D. Theobald.....	Isaac Strouss.....
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. M. L. Lieberman...	Julius Freiberg...	A. Abraham.....
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.	Rev. M. Sumfield.....	Elias Loewenstein...	M. Ullman.....
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.	Rev. Dr. L. Kleeberg...	S. Ullman.....	William Rosenberg...
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.	Rev. M. Messing.....	Joseph Mayers...	A. Lang.....
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner.....	Martin Butzel.....	M. C. Fehheimer...
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.	(none)	Adolph Woolner...	A. Steinhart.....
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.	(none)	Solomon Block.....	S. H. Newhouse...
16	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock.....	Ark.	Rev. Jacob Bloch.....	H. Ehrenberg.....	Isaac Parari.....
17	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Miss.	Rev. Aaron Norden.....	Samuel Ullman...	A. Wampold.....
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Ky.	(none)	M. Sunthimer.....	Joseph Rothschild, Jr.
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	La.	Rev. Marx Klein.....	E. Weil.....	Salomon Mayer.....
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Hahn.....	S. Mann.....	Gerson Strauss...
21	Ohavai Sholem.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.	Rev. Dr. Isidore Kalish...	Jacob Bloomstein...	S. Godhelp.....
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.	Rev. A. Wendel.....	Louis Hebel.....	Henry Flesh.....
23	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.	(none)	M. Fishel.....	S. Liberman.....

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<i>Number.</i>	<i>Name of Congregation.</i>	<i>Where Located.</i>	<i>State.</i>	<i>Minister.</i>	<i>President.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
24	Children of Israel.....	Augusta.....	Ga.	Rev. L. Levison.....	John J. Cohen.....	Jacob Kaplan.....
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.	Rev. Samuel Weil.....	Jos. Gundersheimer.....	I. M. Schlesinger.....
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.	Rev. Ferdinand Becker.....	Maier Speisberger.....	Henry Weil.....
27	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.	Rev. Alexander Kehfeld.....	Jacob Jelenko.....	Jonas Freundlich.....
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.	Rev. S. Gerstman.....	David Siegel.....	B. Newburger.....
29	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston.....	S. C.	Rev. Falk Vidaver.....	Philip Wineman.....	Nathaniel Levin.....
30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash.....	Ind.	(none)	L. Hyman.....	J. Staadecker.....
31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.	(none)	H. Baer.....	M. Nye.....
32	Benai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Mo.	Rev. I. L. Hess.....	L. Hammerslaugh.....	Ben Strouse.....
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wisc.	(none)	S. Gutman.....	G. Langstadt.....
34	Meadville Hebrew Society ..	Meadville.....	Pa.	(none)	Solomon Hilbrunner.....	Jacob Miller.....
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Ills.	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne	Henry Ullman.....	L. Loewenthal.....
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Ind.	(none)	Charles Schachmo.....	Abraham Levy.....
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Ills.	Rev. Dr. M. Machol.....	M. M. Gerstley.....	B. W. Eisendrath.....
38	Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches.....	La.	(none)	Isaac Jacob.....	Edward Phillips.....
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.	Rev. Henry Gersoni.....	William Tittlebaum.....	Joe Hirsch.....
40	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.	Rev. F. Shauner.....	M. Riegelman.....	Lewis M. Doctor.....
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Ind.	(none)	H. E. Sterne.....	N. J. Landauer.....
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.	Rev. Emanuel Gerechter	Sidney A. Hart.....	Joseph Houseman.....
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Miss.	Rev. B. H. Gotthelf.....	Isaac Brown.....	L. Hirsch.....
44	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ga.	Rev. M. E. Bonnheim.....	Julius Newman.....	Joseph Hecht.....
45	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport.....	La.	Rev. Dr. M. Greenblatt.....	S. Levy, Jr.....	Eli Blum.....
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.	Rev. Dr. S. Falck.....	Henry Brock.....	L. Schwartz.....

47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg.....	Pa.	Rev. Dr. L. Meyer.....	E. Wertheimer.....	Josiah Cohen.....
48	Bnai El.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein..	L. R. Strauss.....	L. Wolfner.....
49	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Ind.	Rev. M. Bonheim.....	Sol. Wise.....	Albert Wilner.....
50	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.	Rev. H. Pfau.....	S. Levy.....	S. Degginger.....
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.	Rev. Solomon Kaufman..	S. I. Eichelstein.....	M. Schloss.....
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Ind.	Rev. E. Rubin.....	M. Frank.....	Philip Myerson.....
53	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Moritz Tintner..	N. New.....	Sol. Dettelbach.....
54	Bnai Israel.....	Kalamazoo.....	Mich.	Rev. Isaac Epstein.....	B. M. Desenberg.....	M. Cramer.....
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.	(none)	S. Mayer.....	B. Oppenheimer.....
56	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisc.	Rev. Dr. M. Spitz.....	David Adler.....	H. M. Oberndorfer..
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian.....	Miss.	Rev. W. Weinstein.....	S. Hurwitz.....	L. Lyons.....
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.	Rev. Dr. M. Elkin.....	Isaac Saller.....	P. Rasener.....
59	L'shem Shomalm.....	Wheeling.....	W. Va.	Rev. Dr. N. L. Mayer....	M. Emsheimer.....	I. Emsheimer.....
60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Miss.	(none)	H. T. Lehenburg.....	David Stern.....
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.	B. Nordlinger.....	Henry Strause.....	Julius Louis.....
62	Anshei Chesed.....	Scranton.....	Pa.	Rev. David Eppstein.....	Jonas Lauer.....	I. B. Rosenthal.....
63	Akron Hebrew Association.	Akron.....	Ohio.	Rev. Aaron Suhler.....	I. Cohen.....	N. L. Holstein.....
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.	Rev. L. Stern.....	Henry Adler.....	Adolph Adler.....
65	Rodef Sholem.....	Petersburg.....	Va.	(none)	M. Cohen.....	A. S. Reinach.....
66	Knoxville Hebrew Benevol't	Knoxville.....	Tenn.	(none)	E. Samuel.....	F. Heart.....
67	Beth Ababa.....	Richmond.....	Va.	Rev. A. S. Bettelheim....	Moses Millhiser.....	Moses Hutzler.....
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma.....	Ala.	(none)	Joseph Meyer.....	Adolph Jacobson.....
69	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston.....	Texas.	Rev. Dr. A. Blum.....	M. Kopperl.....	I. Lovenberg.....
70	Beth Israel.....	Houston.....	Texas.	Rev. J. L. Meyer.....	Sol. Rosenfield.....	John Reichman.....
71	Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff.....	Ark.	Rev. Dr. M. Flugel.....	G. Meyer.....	Morris Altschul.....
72	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester.....	N. Y.	Rev. Dr. V. Rundbaken...	H. Rosenstraus.....	Isaac Rosenbaum.....

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1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1849	50	\$25000 00	\$3200 00	30
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Indiana.	1857	76	40000 00	4145 00	125
3	Bnai Jeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1841	200	300000 00	18000 00	200
4	Bnai Shalom.....	Quincy.....	Illinois.	1864	58	25000 00	2854 97	75
5	Bene Jeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.	1851	30	18000 00	(a)	(none)
6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.	1867	18	(a)	617 00	13
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1858	75	10000 00	2550 00	130
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.	1867	23	(none)	1400 00	36
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.	1823	175	160000 00	14000 00	160
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee.	1852	117	15000 00	6523 00	83
11	Adath Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.	1840	180	125000 00	13000 00	200
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Indiana.	1856	56	25000 00	3000 00	60
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Michigan.	1850	78	30000 00	5057 37	100
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.	1856	50	8500 00	1500 00	45
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Arkansas.	1870	18	5000 00	1000 00	20
16	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock.....	Arkansas.	1863	50	10000 00	2500 00	100
17	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Mississippi.	1843	35	15000 00	3000 00	40
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Kentucky.	1861	13	500 00	100 00	35
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	Louisiana.	1853	38	4000 00	1200 00	(none)
20	Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	1850	80	20000 00	6717 25	80
21	Ohavia Sholom.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.	1854	71	10000 00	2700 00	125
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.	1858	12	(none)	100 00	(none)
23	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.	1865	16	(none)	150 00	(a)

24	Children of Israel.....	Augusta	Georgia.	1854	34	16000 00	2200 00	60
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.	1868	39	18000 00	3269 61	60
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.	1863	22	1000 00	1200 00	19
27	Bene Israel.....	Charleston	W. Virginia	1873	17	(none)	489 89	6
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph	Missouri.	1857	41	8000 00	1800 00	50
29	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston	S. Carolina.	1750	60	45000 00	4280 00	60
30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash	Indiana.	1873	16	(none)	125 00	(none)
31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville	Ohio.	1871	19	400 00	800 00	(none)
32	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Missouri.	1870	36	(none)	2300 00	22
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse	Wisconsin.	1857	18	1500 00	400 00	22
34	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville	Penn.	1866	19	(none)	137 90	(none)
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria	Illinois.	1863	23	6000 00	2200 00	(none)
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes	Indiana.	1867	11	(none)	(a)	18
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.	1847	142	45000 00	16750 00	56
38	Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches	Louisiana.	1871	22	(none)	(a)	(none)
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta	Georgia.	1866	46	3500 00	2000 00	60
40	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.	1873	23	(none)	500 00	(a)
41	Or Zion.....	Peru	Indiana.	1874	10	(none)	(a)	(none)
42	Emanuel	Grand Rapids.....	Michigan.	1872	25	(none)	2500 00	27
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg	Mississippi.	1841	50	20000 00	4000 00	60
44	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Georgia.	1859	45	3000 00	2200 00	38
45	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport	Louisiana.	1866	35	24000 00	3400 00	50
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo	New York.	1864	73	30000 00	6900 00	125
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg	Penn.	1857	85	15000 00	5200 00	102
48	Bnai El.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.	1853	80	15000 00	4200 00	70
49	Abavas Achin.....	La Fayette.....	Indiana.	1842	32	5000 00	1763 00	40
50	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton	Ohio.	1867	12	250 00	550 00	20
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth	Ohio.	1858	17	2800 00	1200 00	25
52	Achtus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne	Indiana.	1848	52	25000 00	2500 00	45
53	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.	1839	125	25000 00	5000 00	150
54	Bnai Israel.....	Kalamazoo	Michigan.	1865	14	15000 00	1600 00	40
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio	Texas.	1874	(a)	16000 00	(a)	(none)
56	Emanuel	Milwaukee	Wisconsin.	1869	58	45000 00	6200 00	40
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian	Mississippi.	1873	35	(a)	1465 00	33
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia	Penn.	1841	78	50000 00	6681 88	50
59	L'shem Shomaim.....	Wheeling	W. Virginia	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

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60	Gamilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Mississippi.	(a)	32	(a)	(a)	(none)
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.	1871	18	(none)	118 50	30
62	Anshe Chesed.....	Scranton.....	Penn.	1860	34	8000 00	2200 00	54
63	Akron Hebrew Association.....	Akron.....	Ohio.	1865	21	(none)	1165 57	26
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.	1855	85	20000 00	3500 00	100
65	Rodef Sholem.....	Petersburg.....	Virginia.	1858	20	2000 00	950 00	32
66	Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent.....	Knoxville.....	Tennessee.	1864	11	(none)	500 00	(none)
67	Beth Ahaba.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.	1840	48	15000 00	4781 88	225
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma.....	Alabama.	1870	30	1500 00	(a)	20
69	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston.....	Texas.	1868	72	35000 00	(a)	80
70	Beth Israel.....	Houston.....	Texas.	1859	33	25000 00	4500 00	48
71	Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff.....	Ark.	1865	34	15000 00	3000 00	40
72	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester.....	N. Y.	1870	30	(none)	1988 65	42

Summary of Reports from 72 Congregations.

70 Congregations have 3,401 contributing members.
2 " have not reported.

53 Congregations own real estate (exclusive of burial grounds) valued at \$1,302,950 00.
15 " have no real estate except burial grounds.
4 " have not reported.

63 Congregations had expenses during the past year (erection of buildings not included) amounting
to \$209,832 07.
9 Congregations have not reported.

58 Congregations have 3,727 children attending Sabbath-Schools.
11 " have no Sabbath-Schools.
3 " have not reported.

56 Congregations have ministers.
16 " " no ministers.



THE UNION OF American Hebrew Congregations.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

COUNCIL,

Held at Washington, D. C., July 5-1876.

TUESDAY, July 11, 1876.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at Willard's Hall, and at half-past ten o'clock, A. M. was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. A. J. Mes sing, of Peoria, Ills.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, Mr. Lazarus Silverman, of Chicago, Ills., was elected temporary Chairman, and Mr. Moses Schwarz, of Selma, Ala., temporary Secretary.

The Chairman appointed as a Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Lipman Levy, Sigmund Levyn, Albert Peyser, William Katzenstein, and Marx Liebschutz.

On motion of Mr. Josiah Cohen it was resolved, that a Committee be appointed to report officers for the Permanent Organization; the Chair appointed as the Committee: Messrs. Josiah Cohen, Bernhard Bettmann, Jacob Furth, Samuel Levy and Max Hoffheimer.

Mr. Henry Adler, of Washington, D. C., was introduced, and on behalf of the Israelites of the District of Columbia welcomed the delegates to the Council to Washington.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal being called upon addressed the Council.
The Committee on Credentials presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council :

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Simon Wolfstein.
2. Bene Israel,	Evansville, Ind.,	
3. Bene Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Moritz Loth, Abraham Aub, A. J. Friedlander, Solomon Levi, Leopold Rosentfeld, Bernhard Bettmann, Nathan Drucker, Lewis Mayer.
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ills.,	Joseph D. Levy, Morris Goodman.
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio.	
6. Ohev Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio.	
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Henry Adler, Henry Marks, Nathan Moses.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	A. Schwab.
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Julius Freiberg, Jacob Ezekiel, M. Bettmann, Aaron Kahn, Adam A. Kramer, Max Hoffheimer, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.,	Rev. M. Samfield.
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	S. Ullman, N. Bloom, Wm. Kriegshaber, Th. David, M. Backrow, Marks Straus.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
12. Indianapolis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Solomon Mossler,
13. Beth El	Detroit, Mich.,	Simon Heavenrich,
		Marcus Cohen,
		Adam E. Bloom.
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	John Boyer,
		Moritz Cohn.
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.,	Henry Newhouse.
16. B'nai Israel,	Little Rock, Ark.	
17. B'nai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.,	W. Nordlinger.
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.	
19. Chev. Gem. Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.,	J. Gotthelf.
20. Tifereth Israel,	Cleveland, Ohio,	Sol. Sloss,
		J. Rohrheimer,
		K. Hays.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.,	Lipman Levy.
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio,	Gustave Lansburgh.
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio,	Charles Hertzberg.
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	Raphael Vogel.
27. Beneh Israel,	Charleston, W. Va.,	Albert Peyser.
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph, Mo.,	Rev. S. Gerstman.
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	A. Saks,
		Elias Hirshfeld.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.	
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio.	
32. B'nai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.,	Rev. E. L. Hess.
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wis.,	B. Gusdorf.
34. Meadville Heb. Soc.,	Meadville, Pa.	
35. Anshai Emeth,	Peoria, Ills.,	H. S. Ottenheimer.
36. B'nai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.,	Marx Liebschutz.
37. Kehilath Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ills.,	Jacob Rosenberg,
		Lazarus Silverman,
		Henry N. Hart,
		L. F. Leopold.
38. B'nai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.	
39. Hebrew Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Rev. Henry Gersoni.
40. Bene Yeshurun,	Des Moines, Iowa.	
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.	

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
42. Emanuel,	Gr'd Rapids, Mich.,	Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.	
44. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ga.	
45. Hebrew Zion,	Shreveport, La.	
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Siegmund Levyn, Joseph Garson, Louis M. Brock,
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburg, Pa.,	E. Wertheimer, Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein
48. B'nai El,	St. Louis, Mo.,	David Adler, Isaac Baer, J. L. Blout. Samuel Levy. Henry Richman.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.,	
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio,	
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio,	
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
53. Anshe Chesed,	Cleveland, Ohio.	
54. Bene Israel,	Kalamazoo, Mich.,	Rev. L. Stern.
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Tex.,	Mayer Half.
56. Emanu El,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Rev. M. Spitz, William Katzenstein.
57. Beth Israel,	Meridian, Miss.,	Henry King, Jr.
58. House of Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	P. Abeles, P. Lewin, Morris Rosenthal.
59. L'shem Shomaim,	Wheeling, W. Va.	
60. Gemilas Chasodim,	Port Gibson, Miss.	
61. Mount Sinai,	Georgetown, D. C.,	Henry Strause.
62. Anshei Chesed,	Scranton, Pa.	
63. Akron Heb. Assn.,	Akron, Ohio.	
64. Washington Heb.,	Washington, D. C.,	Simon Wolf, Lewis Abraham, Henry Adler. Marx Cohen. Solomon Hoffheimer.
65. Rodef Sholem,	Petersburg, Va.,	
66. Knoxville Heb. Ben.,	Knoxville, Tenn.,	
67. Beth Ahaba,	Richmond, Va.	
68. Mishkan Israel,	Selma, Ala.,	Moses Schwarz.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
69. B'nai Israel,	Galveston, Texas,	F. Half,
		I. Bernstein.
70. Beth Israel,	Houston, Texas,	Henry S. Fox,
		Adolph Harris.
71. Anshai Emeth,	Pine Bluff, Ark.,	Gabriel Meyer.
72. Etz Raanon,	Rochester, N. Y.	
73. Victoria Heb. Ben. Assn.,	Victoria, Tex.,	J. Gugenheim.
74. Heb. Ben. Ass'n.,	Farmerville, La.,	Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise.
75. B'nai Sholem,	Chicago, Ills.	R. Philipson.
76. Progress Association,	Oil City, Pa.	
77. B'nai Zion,	Titusville, Pa.	
78. Beth El,	Helena, Ark.	
79. Anshi Chesed,	Bay City, Mich.,	J. Breckler.
80. Beth Israel,	Peoria, Ills.,	Rev. Dr. A. J. Messing
81. Shaare Emeth,	St. Lou's, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein,
		S. Mannheimer.
		Morris Langsdorf,
		Jacob Furth,
		Lewis Hutzler,
		August Binswanger,
		Nathan Frank,
		Bernard Singer.
82. Oheb Zedek,	Pottsville, Pa.	
83. Bickur Cholim,	Donaldsonville, La.	
	Respectfully submitted,	
		LIPMAN LEVY,
		SIEGMUND LEVYN,
		ALBERT PEYSER,
		WM. KATZENSTEIN,
		MARX LIEBSCHUTZ,
		Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following names for permanent officers of the third Council:

For President, MR. SIMON WOLF, of Washington, D. C.

For Vice-President, MR. BERNARD SINGER, of St. Louis, Mo.

For Secretary, MR. LIPMAN LEVY, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

For Assistant Secretary, MR. MOSES SCHWARZ, of Selma, Ala.

On motion, the above gentleman were unanimously elected, and entered upon the discharge of their respective duties, the President having been conducted to the chair by Messrs. Josiah Cohen and Moritz Loth, a committee appointed by the temporary Chairman for that purpose.

The following reports of the President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Executive Board, of the Board of Governors and President of the Hebrew Union College, and of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, were presented to the Council in printed form:

President's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—Among the many notable acts of this century, which have passed into the pages of history and brought forth happy results for the children of men, can be counted the formation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, whose mission it is to make every man, woman and child in its fold happy and contented, through the effective means of an enlightened education. Such education curbs selfishness, removes indolence by active industry, creates noble thoughts that lead to noble acts, and recognizes in the fullness of the heart the grandeur of Divinity, and freely and gladly observes the Divine commands, of which the observance of the Sabbath so pre-eminently forms a part.

Never in the history of mankind has it been more essential to enlighten the masses, and to impress on their minds and hearts the necessity of holding fast to the teaching of the laws revealed on Mount Sinai than now, for we are living in an age of the most extraordinary temptations ever created by wealth, the complications of modern society and the ingenuity of man.

It is with deep sorrow that I refer to the reports of the public press, which teem with the records of defalcations, fraud, bribery, and deceptions in all sorts of forms practiced both in private and public life, to such an extent and with such effrontery, that they threaten to sap with their poisonous example the very foundations of society. None can deny that the effect of these wholesale shortcomings of prominent private and public men is sadly felt by nearly every family

throughout the entire land. On one side it has weakened confidence between man and man, on the other it has increased taxation to such a ratio that it virtually confiscates half of the income from the real property of its citizens.

The remedy for these great evils can only be found within the inner life of the family. Every man and every woman must resolve to be less greedy, less devoted to show and extravagance; every one must live more plainly, and above all observe the Sabbath as a day of rest, as a day of self-examination and self-culture, and also as a day of inquiry whether they do their whole duty as citizens, as parents, and friends to humanity at large. To improve the tone of society to that high standard is the work of the pulpit; but, alas! the pulpit orators are in many instances not equal to the work before them, and therefore the "Union" is to be congratulated upon the happy event of having in October last opened the "Hebrew Union College," in which there are now seventeen promising students receiving instruction in Hebrew and all the classical studies, most of them preparing themselves for the Jewish ministry. The President of the Institution and his aids, and the Board of Governors, are exerting themselves to educate them to a higher grade than mere ordinary men, and I sincerely hope and trust that they will succeed, and that the pupils of the Hebrew Union College will be an honor to themselves and prove a blessing to mankind.

It affords me great pleasure also to report that some of the Israelites who dwell in places where they have not the opportunity to give their sons a Hebrew and a classical education, send them to the Hebrew Union College, where they are under the guidance of the Board of Governors, and obtain such instruction at no expense save that of board and linen, which is about four hundred dollars per annum. These youths will take with them into active life the exemplary habits of a well organized home, a good education, and a thorough knowledge of Hebrew and Hebrew lore, and thus form a nucleus for future Congregations in Israel.

A YOUNG LADIES' HEBREW SEMINARY.

In order to offer the daughters in Israel the same opportunity of obtaining a Hebrew and a classical education, including music and the arts, under the most favorable circumstances, I respectfully and earn-

estly recommend the adoption by this Council of measures which will call into existence a "Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary," to be the protege of the "Women in Israel," under the guidance of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

A call should be issued by this Council to the women in Israel, requesting them to immediately organize in their respective cities and towns societies, called the "Patrons of the Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary of——," each society to have a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The initiation fee to be one dollar and the annual dues fifty cents, payable semi-annually. The President or Secretary of said society shall, as soon as the society is fully organized, inform the Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, giving the names of its officers, their Post Office address, the number of members, and at the same time transmit the amount of the initiation fees and the dues for the first six months, which shall be duly credited to said Association, and all the dues thereafter received from its membership.

This fund for the Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary shall be kept separate, and as soon as the sum of ten thousand dollars is reached, and the annual dues from membership amount to five thousand dollars, the Seminary shall be opened under a Board called "Mothers in Israel," who shall be elected by the Patrons of the Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary. Said Board to have full control of the inner working of the institution, but the financial management thereof to remain under the control of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Institution being brought into existence by the free will and free offering of the Women in Israel, it is but proper to repay that great kindness by admitting free into that Institute, the girls from the Hebrew Orphan Asylums, whose conduct has been most exemplary, and who have obtained the highest average per cent. in their studies: said orphan girls to be treated in every respect as equals of those students who pay the regular dues in the Institute.

The instruction to be given in this Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary should be fully specified by the committee, to whom I beg this important subject shall be referred.

I further urgently recommend the consideration of the following subjects:

1. Whether it would be expedient to request the Congregations who are members of the Union, not to engage hereafter any Rabbi unless he has placed his credentials for record in the Book of Reference in the custody of the Executive Board. Such a measure, it seems to me, would save the Congregations from any chance of being imposed upon, and also preserve the Rabbis from the perils of slander.
2. To inaugurate a system by which the small Congregations who are not able to engage a Rabbi permanently, can, every three or four weeks, be visited by one who is fully able to illustrate the passages of the Bible and its sublimity.
3. To consider by what manner and means the Sabbath-schools can be improved.
4. What measures are best to adopt for a stricter observance of the Sabbath by every Israelite.
5. How to induce every Israelite to join a Congregation.
6. To issue a new appeal to every Congregation to join the Union, and thus strengthen the house of Israel.
7. To direct the attention of parents to the importance of their sons learning a mechanical trade, or pursuing agricultural industries.
8. To empower the Executive Board to adopt such measures as they may deem best to obtain by donations the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, in order to erect the College Building ; provide it with a good library, and leave an ample amount in the Sinking Fund, so as to induce celebrated Professors to accept positions in the Hebrew Union College.
9. To take also into consideration whether it is advisable to open a correspondence with the Alliance Israelite Universelle of Paris and with similar bodies in London, Vienna and Berlin, with a view of colonizing, in the United States, all those of our brethren who dwell in countries whose laws do not protect them in their lives, liberty and property, and thereby embitter their existence in those lands where the light of civilization has not as yet penetrated, and where it is slow to penetrate, owing to the darkness of fanaticism.

The report of the Secretary shows exactly the amount subscribed to the Sinking Fund of the College, how much has been thus far col-

lected, and also what funds there are in the General Fund and in the Indigent Student Fund.

Owing to the depressed state of trade during the past year, and owing to the fact that the Committee appointed by the Council held at Buffalo could not spare the time requisite for a collection tour, the contributions to the Sinking Fund are not as large as they could have been and as it is desirable that they should be, and I trust that this will be remedied during the coming year.

From public prints I learn that the Board of Delegates of American Israelites have appointed a Conference Committee, with a view of effecting a Union between the two bodies. I beg to request the Council to receive said Committee with distinguished consideration, and facilitate, as far as the dignity of the Union will permit, the amalgamation of the two bodies,—for Union in Israel is one of the cardinal principles of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations—fraternally inviting every Israelite to become a member of a Congregation, and exert his influence to bring that Congregation within the folds of the Union. The Union should have a membership of at least fifty thousand, and by each member paying one dollar annually to the common fund, it would secure an annual income of fifty thousand dollars; with such an income, and an annual Council of the representative men of fifty thousand Israelites, a vast amount of good will be accomplished for the house of Israel and mankind at large.

Hoping and trusting that your deliberations will be so wise and harmonious as to induce every Israelite to join a Congregation, and his Congregation to join the Union, in order to become a co-worker in the great cause in which we have embarked, and imploring God's guidance, I am

Your most obedient servant,

MORITZ LOTH,

President.

Secretary's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my annual report for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1876:

Proceedings of the Executive Board.

McARTHUR'S HALL, BUFFALO, N. Y., July 15, 1875.

The Executive Board for 1875-6 met at one o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Adam A. Kramer, Mr. Moritz Loth was elected President, and assumed the chair.

On motion of Mr. Lewis N. Dembitz, Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, it was resolved, that the Secretary's salary for the present fiscal year be fixed at six hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Julius Freiberg, Mr. Lipman Levy was elected Secretary.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, Mr. Solomon Levi was elected Treasurer.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer were ordered to give bonds with approved sureties in the sums of \$5,000 00 and \$20,000 00 respectively.

On motion, the President and Secretary were authorized to draw an order for the payment of the expenses incurred by Mr. S. Levyn, one of the committee appointed for making arrangements for the meeting of the Second Council, whenever the bill for the same shall be presented to the Secretary.

The Secretary reported that, since the last meeting of the Board, the following Congregations had become members of the U. A. H. C.:

Beth Ahaba—Richmond, Va.
Mishkan Israel—Selma, Ala.
B'nai Israel—Galveston, Texas.
Beth Israel—Houston, Texas.
Anshai Emeth—Pine Bluff, Ark.
Etz Raanon—Rochester, N. Y.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, August 22, 1875.

The Executive Board met at two o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. Simon Heavenrich, Lewis N. Dembitz, and B. A. Feineman, excusing themselves for non-attendance at this meeting.

The bond of the Treasurer, for twenty thousand dollars, with Messrs. Leopold Levi and Herman Levi as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The bond of the Secretary, for five thousand dollars, with Messrs. A. A. Kramer and B. Bettmann as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting he had received official information that the "Victoria Hebrew Benevolent Society" of Victoria, Texas, has become a member of the U. A. H. C.

The President reported that in accordance with the action of the Board at its last meeting, he had, on July 31, 1875, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn an order on the Treasurer for \$101.51 in payment of the bill presented by Mr. S. Levyn for expenses incurred by him in making arrangements for the meeting of the Council at Buffalo, N. Y., also, on the 4th inst., an order for \$1205 in payment of a \$1000 U. S. 5-20 bond purchased by the Treasurer for the general fund—all of which was on motion approved.

The following bills were presented and ordered to be paid:

Lipman Levy, cash paid for postage	-	-	\$13 50
“ “ “ express	-	-	2 75
“ “ “ exchange	-	-	50
“ “ “ letter file	-	-	4 00
“ “ “ engraving and framing re-	-	-	
solutions	-	-	15 00
“ “ “ repairing trunk	-	-	1 25
“ “ “ deposit of bonds	-	-	65
			———— \$37 65

Bloch & Co., blank books for the Secretary of the			
Board of Governors of the Hebrew			
Union College	-	-	\$13 25
printing reports of officers	-	-	67 60
“ 2000 copies of Proceedings of			
Buffalo Council	-	-	205 50
			———— 286 35

The Secretary read a list of the receipts from July 1, 1875, to 21st inst. inclusive, amounting to \$284 50.

On motion of Mr. P. Heidelbach, the President and Secretary were authorized to purchase 500 copies of Leeser's Bible at a cost not exceeding ninety-five cents per copy.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, the Secretary was instructed to sell the Bibles at one dollar each to any one who desired to purchase, except to those who wished to buy for the purpose of selling them at a profit.

Mr. A. A. Kramer, Secretary of the Board of Governors, reported that the Hebrew Union College would be opened about the first of October, in the rooms of the Mound Street Temple building, the use of which had been granted by the Board of Trustees of Congregation B'nai Israel, and that twelve applications for admission into the College had already been received.

On motion of Mr. P. Heidelbach the Secretary was instructed to inform Congregation B'nai Yeshurun of this city that the Hebrew Union College, being now organized, and about to be opened, this Executive Board is now prepared and ready to receive the ten thousand dollars in possession of that Congregation, which had been placed there in trust for the College by Mr. Henry Adler.

Mr. B. Bettmann, in an eloquent address in behalf of the Board, presented to President Loth the resolutions of thanks passed by the Council at Buffalo, which had been artistically engrossed and handsomely framed, which was responded to in a very feeling manner by Mr. Loth.

On motion, Mr. Jacob Levinson was elected messenger for the current fiscal year.

The Secretary presented the following address, which was ordered to be printed and bound with the proceedings of the Buffalo Council:

An Appeal to the Hebrew Congregations of the United States.

In pursuance of the expressed wish of the Council lately assembled at Buffalo, N. Y., we once more invoke your aid for the promotion of the most important movement that has ever been undertaken by the Israelites of this country.

Living as we have been, in isolated communities, the bond that has for centuries held us together—a mutual reliance on each other for protection from oppression—has, thanks to the benign laws of our country, which have placed us on a perfect equality with our fellow-citizens of all denominations, removed from us this bond of union, and we were in consequence becoming so estranged from each other that not only were Congregations in the different towns and cities, but Congregations in the same place, ignorant of, and too often indifferent to, each other's welfare and prosperity.

To remove this evil of estrangement from our midst, and to promote the noble objects of education and enlightenment, have been the main causes why this Union of American Hebrew Congregations has been established. That a responsive chord has been struck in the hearts of our people is evident from the fact that seventy-three Congregations, with a contributing membership of nearly four thousand, have already been enrolled in our ranks.

But this is not sufficient.

We want every Congregation in the United States to form a link in the Chain of Union, in order that our people, North, South, East, and West, may be truly united in a common cause.

It is for the material as well as spiritual interests of the Congregations to aid in making the Union of American Hebrew Congrega-

tions great and powerful, so that it may be established on so firm a basis that it will have the means in the most ample form to carry out its mission, and by its strength and influence be enabled to assist every Congregation in realizing the object for which Congregations are established—that of uniting the Israelites of each locality in maintaining our sublime principles intact in the future, as our forefathers have done in the past.

We therefore address this appeal not only to those who have not yet joined the Union, but to those who are already with us, that their members shall assist both by word and deed to increase the strength and means of the Congregations, by bringing to them additional members, and to discountenance the organization of new Congregations in places where a Congregation is already in existence, as this only too often leads to divisions and prevents the strengthening of young and weak Congregations.

Rather use your best efforts to unite already existing Congregations, so that by united means you may be better enabled to achieve the objects for which Congregations are established, and finally, as you value the prosperity and progress of our religion, we ask you to use your influence to induce every Congregation not yet a member, to immediately enroll itself in THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS.



The Executive Board.

MORITZ LOTH, *President.*

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary.*

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND ST. TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, October 10, 1875.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that, since the last meeting of the Board, the Farmerville Hebrew Benevolent Association of Farmerville, La., had become a member of the U. A. H. C.

The President reported that in accordance with the action of the Board at the last meeting, 500 copies of Leeser's Bible had been purchased at ninety-five cents per copy.

On motion, the action was approved, and an order for \$475 was passed to pay for the Bibles.

The Secretary reported that he had notified Congregation B'nai Yeshurun in regard to the \$10,000 donated by Mr. Henry Adler, in accordance with the action of this Board.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co., letter heads, circulars and blank book, as		
per bill	-	\$58 75
Lipman Levy, 3 months' salary to Oct. 1, 1875	\$150 00	
cash paid for postage stamps	- 14 23	
" " " express charges	- 3 05	
" " " 1 year's subscription to		
<i>Jewish Times</i>	- 5 00	
" " " wrappers for Bibles	- 3 00	
" " " exchange	- 50	
" " " scrap book	- 2 25	
" " " deposit of bond	- 65	
" " " freight on Bibles	- 1 69	
	—	180 37

The President reported that on the 7th inst., he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, issued an order for \$597 50 in payment of a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond, purchased by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund, which action was on motion approved.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$1,307 50.

On motion of Mr. Chas. Kahn, jr., Messrs. A. Blumenthal and D. Silberberg were appointed a Committee to collect subscriptions made by the Israelites of Pomeroy, Ohio.

Mr. B. Bettmann, President of the Board of Governors, announced that the Hebrew Union College had been opened with appropriate ceremonies on October 3rd inst., and is now in successful operation.

Mr. Philip Heidelbach proposed the following, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the College being now open, the Committee appointed by the Council to visit the principal cities for the purpose of soliciting donations in aid of the Sinking Fund, and to request congregations not yet in the Union to affiliate with us, be requested to enter upon the discharge of their duties as soon as possible.

Mr. B. Bettmann reported the resignation of Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, as a member of the Board of Governors, in consequence of his election as President of the Hebrew Union College. On motion, Mr. A. J. Friedlander was elected to fill the vacancy.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, December 19, 1875.

The Executive Board met at two o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the Chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. Simon Wolf, S. Mann, S. Heinrich and H. Bamberger, excusing themselves for non-attendance at this meeting.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following Congregations had become members of the U. A. H. C.:

B'nai Sholem—Chicago, Ill.
Progress Association—Oil City, Pa.
B'nai Zion—Titusville, Pa.
Beth-El—Helena, Ark.
Anshi Chesed—Bay City, Mich.
Beth Israel—Peoria, Ills.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$11,610 65, of that amount \$263 had been received for the fund for the support of indigent students, and \$10,000 from Congregation B'nai Yeshurun of Cincinnati, O., being the amount which that Congregation had received from Henry Adler, Esq., in pursuance of the following agreement:

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into at Cincinnati, this 15th day of May, 1873, between Henry Adler, of Cincinnati, of the first part,

and Kila Kodesh B'nai Yeshurun Congregation of Cincinnati, of the second part, Witnesseth, that whereas the said party of the first part desires to aid in the establishment of a Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute for perpetuating the doctrines and the blessed teachings of Israel; and

WHEREAS, The party of the first part has this day paid to the party of the second part, in trust, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for that purpose, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

Now, in consideration of the premises, and the agreement herein contained, the party of the second part hereby agrees with the party of the first part to organize, within three years from the date hereof, and in conjunction with not less than three other Congregations now organized in the West, North-west, South-west, or all, a "Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute," which shall teach, instruct, and perpetuate the doctrine and blessed teachings of the religion of Israel, and to pay to the party of the first part, and in the event of his death, then to his wife, the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) per annum, in semi-annual payments of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) each, until such Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute is so organized, and upon the organization of such Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute, as provided, to pay over to the Board of Trustees of the said Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute, said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), to be received and securely invested by them, and to constitute part of the Sinking Fund of said Institution, upon the following conditions:

1. To pay to the party of the first part, during the joint lives of himself and wife the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600) in semi-annual payments of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) each.

2. Upon the death of the party of the first part, or his wife, to pay to the survivor of them during his or her life the annual sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) in semi-annual payments of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150).

3. Upon the death of the party of the first part, and his wife, the income of above said Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be perpetually devoted to the maintenance and support of said Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute.

It is further agreed by the parties of the second part, that in the event of said Jewish Theological Faculty or Institute not being organized within three years from the date hereof, then and thereupon said sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), with all accumulation thereon, shall be paid over to the party of the first part, or in the event of his death, to his wife Fradcha Adler, or in the event of their both dying before the expiration of the three years, then to his heirs, to be disposed of by them as provided in his last will and testament.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 15th day of May, 1873.

HENRY ADLER,

M. LOTH, *President Kila Kodesh B'nai Yeshurun.*

Witness.

CHAS. O. TANGEMAN,

M. HOFFMAN.

On motion of Mr. A. A. Kramer the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, and a copy thereof was ordered to be engrossed and framed and presented to Mr. Henry Adler:

בך יברך ישראל

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations having received the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, donated by Henry Adler, Esq., of Cincinnati, Ohio, for the Sinking Fund of the Hebrew Union College: therefore be it

Resolved, That by this munificent gift Henry Adler, Esq., has erected to himself a monument in the hearts of his brethren, which is destined to endure as long as Judaism and its teachings shall be fostered and revered by the Israelites of America.

Resolved, That the name of Henry Adler be enrolled as an honorary member of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

The President reported that he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, issued the following orders since the last meeting of the Board: November 24, 1875, \$2450 for \$2000 U. S. 5-20 bonds, purchased by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund.

November 24, 1875, \$3596.25 for \$3000 U. S. 5-20 bonds transferred from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund, being the original cost of those bonds.

December 6, 1875, \$4301.87 for \$3500 U. S. 5-20 bonds purchased by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund.

December 13, 1875,	\$508.63 to Julius J. Maas.,	} For bills ordered to be paid by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.
" " "	11.50 to Bloch & Co.,	
" " "	8.00 to Mendel, Berman & Co.,	
" " "	61.90 to Maue & Co.,	
" " "	8.00 to John King.,	
" 17, "	57.80 to Solomon Levi.,	
" " "	\$617.80 for a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond purchased by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund.	

On motion the action of the President and Secretary was approved.

The President reported, that since the last meeting he had visited Pittsburgh, Pa., where he obtained subscriptions to the Sinking Fund of the Hebrew Union College, to the amount of \$4135, and a number of valuable books from Rev. L. Naumberg, for the College library; also, that he had visited Chicago, Ills., where he had received subscriptions to the amount of \$7,400; whereupon Mr. A. A. Kramer offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, From the verbal report of M. Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board, it appears that through the untiring assistance of Messrs. Emanuel Wertheimer and Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburg, Pa., and Messrs. Lazarus Silverman, Jacob Rosenberg and H. A. Kohn, of Chicago, Ills., the money donated in said cities for the benefit of the College was principally obtained; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Union be, and the same are hereby tendered to the above-named gentlemen.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid, viz:

L. Levy, Salary as Sec'y for Oct. and Nov., 1875,	\$100.00.
Cash paid for exchange, - - - - -	48.
" " stamps, - - - - -	3.00.
" " deposit of Bonds, - - - - -	2.33.
	————— \$105.81.

M. Loth, traveling expenses to Pittsburgh and Chicago, 60.00.

The Secretary stated that Congregations "Ohavai Sholem," of Nashville, Tenn., and "Children of Israel," of Augusta, Ga., had for more than two years failed to pay dues and be represented in the Council, whereupon he was instructed to notify them that unless their dues were paid within sixty days, they would be reported to the next Council for suspension.

A communication was read from the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, requesting this Board to authorize its President and Secretary to draw orders for such bills as the Board of Governors may order the payment of, as soon as the same shall be passed by said Board, in order to avoid the delay which might otherwise occur in the payment of its bills. On motion the request was granted.

Attention being called to the letter of Mr. M. A. Cohn, of Little Rock Ark., dated August 16, 1873, and published with the proceedings of the first Council, in which he proposed to transmit \$500 00, on the opening of the College, it was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to officially notify him that the College having been opened, the payment of the money be requested.

The President read the following report, which, on motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, was adopted and ordered to be entered upon the minutes: To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the pleasure to report to you that the sum of \$64,000 thus far has been obtained as donations to the Sinking Fund of the Hebrew Union College, \$13,243 So of which have already been paid, and the balance is now available. As many of the donations have been made on the condition that they are only to be binding if the sum of \$60,000 is obtained, that sum being now secured, I beg you to instruct the Secretary to make out the receipts for the various amounts as donated, and collect them as speedily as possible, for the College having been opened in anticipation of the above funds it is essential that the money should be immediately sent in and converted into five-twenty U. S. Bonds in accordance with our constitution. Besides the sum aforestated, the sum of \$1,000 has been subscribed as annual contributions, but which ceases at the death of the donors, and can therefore not be calculated upon as a fixed annual income.

The framers of our constitution have thought that the sum of \$160,000 would be ample for a Sinking Fund and a College building, but experience shows that that sum will not be sufficient. The sum of at least \$300,000 is required in order to make the Hebrew Union College what it should be, and as money was never lacking in Israel when the acts of charity and the requirements of education demanded it I am very hopeful that that sum, with proper exertion, will be obtained within a short space of time.

Requesting the continuance of your active co-operation, and also the active aid of every Israelite who desires to see his race and mankind at large enlightened in every science within the reach of the human intellect, I am, your obedient servant,

MORITZ LOTH, President.

On motion the President and Secretary were appointed a committee to collect the subscriptions.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, February 13, 1876.

The Executive Board met at 2 o'clock P. M., President M. Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Ullman, of Louisville, Ky., excusing himself for non-attendance at this meeting.

A letter from Mr. M. A. Cohn, of Little Rock, Ark., dated December 25, 1875, was read, stating his intention to make good his promise to donate \$500 to the Hebrew Union College as soon as circumstances would permit him to do so.

The following bills were on motion, ordered to be paid, viz.:

Dr. I. M. Wise, one year's subscription to <i>Israelite and Deborah</i> , - - - - -	\$5 00
William Saalburg, one year's subscription to <i>Hebrew Observer</i> , - - - - -	5 00
Bloch & Co., printing, - - - - -	7 00
L. Levy, two months' salary as Secretary, to February 1, 1876, - - - - -	\$100 00
Cash paid for engrossing and framing testimonial for Mr. Henry Adler, - - - - -	15 00
	<hr/> 115 00

A communication from Mr. Ignatz Herzog, of Chicago, Ill., addressed to Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, was read, in which that gentleman, while making a donation of books to the library of the Hebrew Union College, offered the balance of his library for same purpose, to be presented after his death, on condition that the anniversary thereof should be commemorated by the recital of "Kaddish" by one of the students. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Herzog that his proposition would be accepted on the condition mentioned in his letter.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$2,244 02.

The President reported that since the last meeting he had issued orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$2,580 60, of which \$1,802 50 was for \$1,500 U. S. 5-20 bonds purchased by the Treasurer for the Sinking Fund, and \$778 10 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College. On motion the action was approved.

A communication was read from Mr. Lewis Abraham, of Washington, D. C., stating that he was one of the committee appointed by the Washington Hebrew Congregation for the purpose of making arrangements for the meeting of the Council in that city next July, and desiring to know the wishes of this Board in reference thereto. On motion it was resolved that action thereon be postponed until the next meeting.

On motion it was resolved that the next meeting be held at half-past seven o'clock in the evening.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, April 16, 1876.

The Executive Board met at half-past seven o'clock P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Board, Congregation Shaare Emeth, of St. Louis, Mo., had become a member of the U. A. H. C.

The following bill, presented by the Secretary, was ordered to be paid :

Salary for February and March, 1876,	-	-	\$100 00
Cash paid for postage,	-	-	14 19
" deposit of bonds,	-	-	16 50
" exchange,	-	-	45
" two letter files,	-	-	1 50
" one year's subscription for <i>Jewish Messenger</i> ,	-	-	5 00
			<hr/> \$137 64

A list of the receipts since last meeting was read, amounting to \$1,730 78.

The President and Secretary reported that they had issued orders to the amount of \$785 19 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors and \$616 25 for a \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond, for the Sinking Fund, which action was on motion approved.

The President reported that at the request of the President of the Hebrew Union College he had transferred to him the books heretofore deposited in the Public Library. On motion the action was approved and the Secretary instructed to inform the Board of Governors thereof, with a request to forward to this Board a list of all the books in the College library.

On motion the President and Secretary were appointed a committee to correspond with the committee appointed by the Washington Hebrew Congregation, and to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting of the next Council.

A communication was read from Rev. Dr. J. S. Goldammer, requesting pecuniary assistance for the publication of a Chaldaic and Talmudical Grammar, prepared by him for the use of the students of the Hebrew Union College. On motion the communication was referred to the Board of Governors.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, June 11, 1876.

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Letters were read from Messrs. S. Heavenrich, of Detroit, Mich., and S. Mann, of Cleveland, O., expressing regrets at their inability to attend this meeting.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting, Congregation Oheb Zedek, of Pottsville, Pa., has become a member of the "Union."

A letter was read from the Secretary of Congregation B'nai Yesurun of Nashville, Tenn., transmitting one year's dues and stating that the Congregation having been reduced to twelve members had ceased to exist as a Congregation, except for burial ground purposes and desiring to be taken off the roll of membership of the U. A. H. C., also stating that most of its members had become members of other Congregations.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since last meeting amounting to \$12,796 68, and of the orders issued since then, viz: \$12,246 25

for \$10,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds, purchased for the Sinking Fund, and \$872 41 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, all of which was on motion approved.

The following bills were on motion ordered to be paid, viz:

Bloch & Co., printing and stationery, as per bill filed, - - - - -	\$10 00
Lipman Levy, 3 months' salary as Secretary, -	\$150 00
Cash paid for postage \$6 30; for deposit of bonds, \$10 60; for exchange 25 cents; for express charges \$1 25, - - - - -	18 40
	<hr/> 168 40
Jacob Levinson, one year's services as messenger,	25 00
Henry Adler, six months' interest on \$10,000,	300 00

A letter was read from Mr. S. Mann, stating that the payment of some small subscriptions in Cleveland, Ohio, amounting to \$20, had been refused, and requesting instructions in the matter. It was on motion ordered that Mr. Mann have leave to use his own discretion as to the course to be pursued.

The following correspondence was submitted, and on motion the action of the President and Secretary in the matter approved, and the Board of Governors directed to be notified thereof;

HARTFORD, CONN., May 7, 1876.

Mr. Moritz Loth, President U. A. H. C.:

DEAR SIR:—My dear wife, Hanche Fox, died on December 12, 1875. For the purpose of erecting a perpetual monument—not merely of dead marble—but one that shall at the same time be beneficial to Judaism and humanity, I intend to donate to the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati, the sum of five hundred dollars, under the following conditions:

1. That the anniversary of the death of my departed wife be perpetually commemorated by the recital of Kaddish or other appropriate ceremony in accordance with the directions of the authorities of the College.
2. The interest of the said \$500 to be annually expended for the benefit of a poor theological student who may study for the ministry.
3. Should there be at any time an indigent student in said Hebrew Union College, who shall study for the ministry, who can bring satisfactory proof that he is a member of or descended from my family,

he shall be entitled to the interest of said \$500 in preference to any other student, during the course of his study in said College.

If these conditions are acceptable to the Board, please inform me, stating at the same time to whom the check shall be made payable.

Yours very respectfully,

GERSON FOX.

CINCINNATI, O., May 10, 1876.

Gerson Fox, Esq., Hartford, Conn.:

DEAR SIR:—In answer to your esteemed favor of the 7th inst., I send you a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. You will observe on pages 12 and 13, in Article VI., Section 4, that your donation of five hundred dollars to the Hebrew Union College will insure the due observance of *Fahr-Zeit* in memory of the departed one, and the other conditions mentioned in your letter, which will be duly recorded in the "Book of Memorial," and carried out by the "Executive Board," and thus remain a perpetual monument to the memory of your departed wife, Hanche Fox.

There are at the present time eighteen students in attendance at the College, half of whom have to be provided at the expense of the Union with boarding, lodging and clothing, in addition to their tuition. Your donation will therefore be well applied, as most of them are studying with a view to the ministry.

You will please make the check payable to the order of Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary.

Respectfully,

MORITZ LOTH,

President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

HARTFORD, CONN., May 15, 1876.

Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary.

DEAR SIR:—Inclosed I send you a check for \$500 00 for the Hebrew Union College, which you will apply in accordance with the conditions mentioned in my letter of 7th inst.

Respectfully,

GERSON FOX.

N. B.—You may publish my correspondence if you are of the opinion that the College will be benefited thereby.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY, U. A. H. C.,
CINCINNATI, May 17, 1876.

Gerson Fox, Esq., Hartford, Conn.

DEAR SIR:—In handing you the receipt for the donation contained in your esteemed favor of the 15th inst., I beg to assure you that the terms mentioned in your letter of 7th inst. will be complied with, and I trust that the noble example set by you to aid a good cause will be the means of awakening in your section of the country a lively interest in an institution which was brought into existence, and is conducted solely for the advancement of Judaism throughout the whole United States, the East as well as the West, the North as well as the South.

Sincerely, Yours,

LIPMAN LEVY, Sec'y.

The reports of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, and of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, the latter including the report of the President of the College, were received and referred to the next Council.

The Secretary reported that in consequence of the destruction by fire of the printing office of Bloch & Co., last August, a portion of the manuscript copy of the proceedings of the second Council had been lost, and his attention had been lately called to an omission that occurred in consequence thereof, in the printed report of the third day's proceedings, to-wit:

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Convention of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, held at Chicago, January, 1874, passed a resolution that in honor of the Centennial birthday of our beloved country a marble monument representing "Religious Liberty" be sculptured and the same be exhibited at the Centennial Exposition, in Philadelphia, in the year 1876.

WHEREAS, All Israelites consider religious liberty one of the brightest gems in the diadem of America, and hail every movement which expresses their high appreciation of this great boon to be offered to the human race; therefore be it

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the proposition made by the Convention of the I. O. B. B., and that we promise to further this praiseworthy object by all means in our power, in order that the statue may be completed for the celebration on the 4th day of July, 1876.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to incorporate the above with the proceedings of this meeting.

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed: by Mr. L. Levy: Section 1, Article XII., strike out the words, "All funds," and insert in place thereof the words "All moneys belonging to the Sinking Fund," by Mr. A. Aub: Section 1, Article IX., strike out the word "second," and insert in place thereof the word "first."

This being the last regular meeting of this Board the foregoing minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

NOTE.—On pages 162-3 of the Proceedings of the Second Council, there is a resolution to appoint a Committee to consult with any body organized for that purpose in reference to Jewish publications. The Committee appointed and whose names were accidentally omitted, consisted of Rev. Drs. Wise and Lilienthal and Messrs. Ezekiel, Heavenrich and Aub.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1875.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
July	3 Beth Israel.....	Houston, Texas.....	\$ 33 00
"	8 Shearith Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	37 50
"	9 Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	8 50
"	9 Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	100 00
"	10 Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville, Ohio.....	19 00
"	18 B'nai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	11 50
"	23 B'nai Yeshurun.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	16 00
Aug.	10 Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	25 00
"	18 B'nai Jehudah.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	13 00
"	26 B'nai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	11 00
Sept.	2 Etz Raanon.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	13 50
"	2 Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	14 50
"	8 Victoria Heb. Benev. Society	Victoria, Texas.....	11 00
"	11 Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.....	17 00
"	19 Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	41 00
"	19 Chevra Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria, La.....	20 00
"	20 B'nai Abraham.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	8 50
"	20 Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	15 00
"	26 Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	28 00
Oct.	1 Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Penn.....	9 50
"	1 Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	23 00
"	1 Farmerville Hebrew Benevo-	Farmerville, La.....	11 00
"	lent Association.....		
"	5 B'nai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 00
"	10 Anshe Emeth.....	Peoria, Ill.....	24 00
"	10 Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	87 50
"	12 Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, Ohio.....	6 00
"	12 B'nai Israel.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	20 00
"	15 Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	25 00
"	17 Beth El.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	21 50
"	18 Rodef Sholem.....	Petersburg, Va.....	10 00
"	18 Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	12 50
"	20 Progress Association.....	Oil City, Penn.....	21 00
"	23 B'nai Yeshurun.....	Dayton, Ohio.....	15 00
Nov.	3 B'nai Zion.....	Titusville, Penn.....	25 00
"	5 Bene Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	38 00
"	8 Adath Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	85 00
"	9 B'nai Israel.....	Hamilton, Ohio.....	6 00
"	10 Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, Ohio.....	13 00
"	11 Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash, Ind.....	16 00
"	15 B'nai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	11 50
"	15 Beth Israel.....	Meridian, Miss.....	28 00
"	26 Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	18 00
"	26 Emanuel.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	30 00
Dec.	8 Oheb Zedukah.....	Springfield, Ohio.....	9 00
"	22 Anshe Chesed.....	Bay City, Mich.....	6 00
"	30 B'nai Israel.....	Columbus, Ga.....	22 00

1876.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
Jan'y 5	Knoxville Heb. Benevolent.	Knoxville, Tenn.	\$ 5 50
" 6	Washington Hebrew.	Washington, D. C.	42 50
" 13	Shearith Israel	Cincinnati, Ohio.	37 50
" 14	Mount Sinai	Georgetown, D. C.	9 00
" 28	Chevra Gemilas Chasodim.	Alexandria, La.	40 00
" 31	B'nai Israel.	Natchez, Miss.	15 50
Feb. 29	Ohavai Sholem.	Nashville, Tenn.	100 00
March 8	B'nai Israel.	Columbus, Ohio.	22 50
" 8	Meadville Hebrew Society.	Meadville, Penn.	9 50
" 9	B'nai Israel.	Keokuk, Iowa.	12 50
" 11	B'nai Sholem.	Quincy, Ill.	56 00
" 13	Adath Joseph.	St. Joseph, Mo.	21 00
" 14	Beth El Emeth.	Camden, Ark.	17 00
" 15	Victoria Heb. Benev. Society.	Victoria, Texas.	11 00
" 16	Beth-El.	Detroit, Mich.	75 00
" 16	Emanu-El.	Milwaukee, Wis.	37 00
" 16	Gemilas Chasodim.	Port Gibson, Miss.	15 50
" 16	Beth-El.	Helena, Ark.	14 50
" 17	B'nai Jehudah	Kansas City, Mo.	10 00
" 18	Adath Israel	Louisville, Ky.	83 00
" 18	Bene Abraham.	Portsmouth, Ohio.	8 00
" 18	Etz Raanon.	Rochester, N. Y.	13 50
" 18	Beth Israel.	Peoria, Ill.	10 00
" 23	Hebrew Benevolent Ass'n.	Farmerville, La.	10 50
" 23	B'nai Sholem.	Chicago, Ill.	35 00
" 23	Mishkan Israel.	Selma, Ala.	17 00
" 30	Children of Israel.	Memphis, Tenn.	50 50
April 5	Anshe Emeth.	Piqua, Ohio.	6 00
" 11	B'nai Israel.	Natchitoches, La.	22 00
" 14	B'nai Israel.	Vincennes, Ind.	7 00
" 18	B'nai Yeshurun.	Dayton, Ohio.	15 00
" 24	Tiffereth Israel.	Cleveland, Ohio.	80 00
" 24	B'nai Israel.	Hamilton, Ohio.	7 00
May 5	Anshe Chesed.	Bay City, Mich.	12 00
" 6	Rodef Sholem.	Youngstown, Ohio.	11 50
" 6	Indianapolis Hebrew.	Indianapolis, Ind.	29 00
" 7	Sherith Israel.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	37 50
" 15	B'nai Israel.	Galveston, Texas.	70 00
" 22	Beth Elohim.	Charleston, S. C.	60 00
" 28	Oheb Zedek.	Pottsville, Penn.	20 00
June 2	B'nai Israel.	Little Rock, Ark.	50 00
" 7	B'nai Israel.	Evansville, Ind.	38 00
" 7	Beth Ahaba.	Richmond, Va.	48 00
" 11	B'nai Yeshurun.	Nashville, Tenn.	12 00
" 18	Temple Beth Zion.	Buffalo, N. Y.	77 00
" 22	Emanuel.	Grand Rapids, Mich.	14 50
" 26	B'nai Israel.	Natchez, Miss.	15 50
" 26	B'nai El.	St. Louis, Mo.	40 00
" 29	Bickur Cholim.	Donaldsonville, La.	32 00
" 30	Bene Yeshurun.	Cincinnati, O.	200 00
	Total		\$2726 50

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Aug. 29.	Kahn Bros., Charleston, Ill.....	\$	2 00
Sept. 2.	Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.....		50 00
	Mrs. Caroline Swarts " ".....		25 00
	Dr. Wm. Stark " ".....		10 00
	Dr. I. Frank " ".....		5 00
	M. Loth, Jr. " ".....		2 00
	E. Loth, Jr. " ".....		2 00
	Henry Seinsheimer " ".....		2 00
	Jacob Seasingood " ".....		50 00
" 6.	M. Loth, " ".....		25 00
	Samuel Reis " ".....		10 00
	Abraham Reis " ".....		5 00
" 17.	B. Bettman " ".....		20 00
	Martin Stadler " ".....		50 00

Collected by Simon Heavenrich, Esq., at Detroit, Mich.

" 21.	Simon Heavenrich.....	10 00
	Julius Robinson.....	10 00
	Seligman Schloss.....	10 00
	E. S. Heineman.....	10 00
	Herman Freedman.....	10 00
	Emanuel Schloss.....	10 00
	Martin Butzel.....	10 00
	Magnus Butzel.....	10 00
	Samuel Heavenrich.....	10 00
	Simon Freedman.....	10 00
	Isido. Kaufmann.....	10 00
	Louis Lambert.....	10 00
	M. C. Fechheimer.....	5 00
	D. J. Workum.....	10 00
	Sigmund Rothschild.....	10 00

Collected by Joseph Kronthal, Esq., at Sandusky, Ohio.

" 22.	Joseph Kronthal.....	3 00
	L. Monat.....	3 00
	M. Lebensberger.....	3 00
	G. Hart.....	3 00
	Joseph Kugel.....	2 00
	Jacob Kronthal.....	2 00
	N. Baer.....	3 00
	D. Frohman.....	2 00
	Joseph Wertheimer.....	2 00
" 27.	S. Spear, Galesburg, Ill.....	5 00
Oct. 1.	D. N. Kline, Meadville, Pa.....	1 00

Collected by S. Mann, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio.

" 3.	C. Koch.....	10 00
	S. Mann.....	10 00
	Manuel Halle.....	10 00
	C. K. Halle.....	5 00
	L. H. Cohn.....	5 00

1875			
Oct. 3.	J. Reinthal.....	\$	3 00
	J. Goldsmith.....		10 00
	Moritz Joseph		10 00
	Meyer Weil.....		5 00
	A. W. Mann.....		5 00
	L. Halle.....		5 00
" 8.	Nathan Bloom, Louisville, Ky.....		25 00

Collected by Joseph Mooney, Jr., Esq., at Lawrenceburg, Ind.

" 15.	Joseph Mooney, Jr.....		2 00
	Jacob C. Wiles.....		2 00
	Simon Kaufman.....		2 00
	S. Strasburger.....		2 00
	Louis Adley.....		2 00
" 18.	A. Aub, Cincinnati, O.....		25 00
" "	James Levy		20 00
" 23.	A. Blumenthal, Pomery, O.....		5 00
" 29.	Henry Geismar, Cincinnati, O.....		2 00

Collected by Mrs. Donic Sturm, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Nov. 1.	Henry Katz, Clinton, Ill.....		1 00
	Gus Katz " ".....		1 00
	Louis Katz " ".....		1 00
	Harry Katz, Yankton, D. T.....		1 00
" 7.	Max Heavenrich, St. Johns, Mich.....		10 00
" 22.	Sol. Wise, Abbeville, La.....		6 00
Dec. 9.	S. H. Bloch, Cleveland, O.....		5 00
	S. Newmark ".....		10 00
1876			
Jan. 4	J. Rolfsen Skinner, Cincinnati, O.....		50 00
" 7.	L. Cahn, New Orleans, La.....		1 00

Collected by S. Samuels, Esq., at Columbus, Ind.

" 14.	S. Samuels.....		2 50
	F. Fogel.....		2 50
	S. Kiser.....		1 00
	L. Kaufman.....		1 00
	L. Samuels.....		1 00
	L. Silverman.....		1 00
	L. King.....		1 00
	S. Rosenhime.....		1 00
	D. Samuels.....		1 00

Collected by A. Reiter, Esq., of Greensburg, Ind.

" 11.	A. Reiter, Greensburg, Ind.....		10 00
	Wm. Goldstein, Shelbyville, Ill.....		2 50
	Max Kleeman.....		2 50
	E. Moses ".....		1 00
	A. Cottlow ".....		2 00
	Moses Cottlow ".....		2 00
" 14.	Morris Elgutter, Omaha, Neb.....		2 50

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Feb. 9.	Morris Elgutter, Omaha, Neb.....	\$ 2 50
April 16.	B. A. Feineman, Kansas City, Mo.....	20 00
May 22.	Joseph Salzer, Carlisle, Ky.....	10 00

Collected by S. Mann, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio.

June 7.	A. Schwarz.....	5 00
	I. Nussbaum.....	5 00
	S. Mountner.....	5 00
	Sol. Sloss.....	5 00
	E. Reinheimer.....	5 00
Total.....		\$ 775 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.

Collected by Simon Heavenrich, Esq., at Detroit, Mich.

1875.		
Sept. 21	G. B. Lichtenberg.....	\$ 25 00
" "	Jos. Low.....	25 00

Collected by S. Mann, Esq., at Cleveland, Ohio.

Oct. 3.	C. Koch.....	50 00
	J. Goldsmith.....	50 00
	Moses Halle.....	50 00
	A. Wiener.....	25 00
	L. H. Cohn.....	12 50
	M. Joseph.....	50 00
	Manuel Halle.....	50 00
	F. Strauss.....	10 00
	L. Aufrecht..	25 00
" 11.	Max. L. Gutmann, Rochester, N. Y.....	10 00

Collected by A. Blumenthal Esq., and D. Silberberg, Esq., at Pomeroy, Ohio.

" 23.	Simon Silverman.....	10 00
	A. Blumenthal.....	5 00
	Isaac Baer.....	1 00
	Moses Silverman.....	5 00
	David Silberberg.....	5 00
	Jos. Kaufman (Middleport, O).....	5 00
Nov. 1.	Isaac Sturm, Clinton, Ill.....	1 00
" 18.	Lauer & Bro., Plymouth, Ind.....	2 00
" 18.	Henry Adler, Cincinnati, O.....	10,000 00

Collected by the Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, at Plymouth, O.

" 19.	Proceeds of concert by young ladies.....	10 65
	Leopold Stern.....	10 00
	Alexander Billstein.....	5 00

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Nov. 19.	Moses Billstein.....	\$ 5 00
	L. Billstein.....	5 00
	Israel Bacharach.....	5 00
	Henry Bacharach.....	5 00
	A. Kappenburg.....	5 00
	Moses Kappenburg.....	5 00
	Wm. Schoenberg.....	5 00
	M. Shield.....	5 00
	Sol. Spear.....	5 00
	Gabriel Sturm (Cincinnati, O.).....	5 00

Collected by S. Mann, Esq., at Cleveland O.

Dec. 9.	S. H. Bloch.....	100 00
	Emanuel Bloch.....	50 00
	S. Schwab.....	15 00
	S. Newmark.....	100 00
	S. Mann.....	50 00
	Sol. Austrian.....	25 00

Collected by M. Loth, Esq., at Chicago, Ill.

" 10.	M. M. Smith.....	100 00
	Cash.....	100 00

Collected by A. Wadel, Esq., Summitt, Miss.

" 20.	A. Wadel.....	1 00
	A. Hiller & Co.....	1 00
	Simon Koch.....	25
	Levy & Moyse.....	2 50
	Jule Moyse.....	50
	A. Hyman.....	2 00
	Cash.....	50
	Max Mock.....	50
	M. Bergazyn.....	50
	Ben Hillend & Co.....	1 00
	Mrs. L. Epstein.....	50
	Louis Aronson.....	50
	A. Moses.....	50

Collected by Solomon Spear, Esq., at Plymouth, Ohio.

" 20.	Solomon Spear.....	50 00
	William Schoenberg.....	50 00
	Moses Billstein.....	50 00
	Moses Shield.....	25 00
	Aaron Kappenburg.....	25 00
	Moses Kappenburg.....	15 00
	Moses Billstein, Sr.....	10 00

" 28.	Philip Heidelberg, Cincinnati, O.....	1000 00
" 29.	A. Levi & Co., Victoria, Texas.....	25 00

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Jan.	5. F. Heart, Knoxville, Tenn.....	10 00
"	21 Ladies' Benevolent Society, Monroe, La.....	25 00

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Jan. 21. Hannah Klein, Owenton, Ky.....	\$ 5 00
Feb. 16. Michael Heyman, New Orleans, La.....	78
March 24 Lewis S. Rosenthal, New York City.....	20 00

Collected by Messrs. Jacob Rosenberg and Lazarus Silverman, of Chicago, Ill.

April 4. Jacob Rosenberg.....	100 00
Lazarus Silverman.....	100 00
H. A. Kohn.....	100 00
Joseph A. Kohn.....	100 00
D. A. Kohn.....	100 00
Morris Einstein.....	100 00
Martin Clayburgh.....	100 00
Morris Selz.....	50 00
Leopold & Austrian.....	50 00
Nathan Eisendrath.....	25 00
Henry Horner.....	25 00
Marcus Weil.....	25 00
Samuel and Philip Goldman.....	25 00
Henry S. Kohn.....	10 00
Wolf Solomon.....	10 00
" 6. S. H. Goodman, Medina, New York.....	10 00
" 20. Lehman Hollstein, Cincinnati, O.....	10 00
" 22. Isaac Faller, ".....	100 00
" 24. Lewis Mayer, ".....	200 00
" 30. A. Iglauer, ".....	100 00
May 5. H. E. Sterne, Peru, Ind.....	100 00
" 6. I. P. Strauss, Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
" " Joseph Strauss, ".....	100 00
" 8. Jacob Seasongood, ".....	1000 00
" " Lewis Seasongood, ".....	250 00
" " Alfred Seasongood, ".....	250 00
" " Elias Moch, ".....	250 00
" " Samuel Kuhn, ".....	500 00
" 10. Solomon May, ".....	250 00
" " Nathan May, ".....	100 00
" " Mrs. Eva Wise, ".....	100 00
" " Nathaniel Newburgh, ".....	250 00
" " Gustave R. Fries, ".....	100 00
" " Joseph M. Schloss, ".....	50 00
" " Ben Strauss, ".....	100 00
" " Henry Stix, ".....	100 00
" " William Stix, ".....	100 00
" " Jacob Krouse, ".....	100 00
" 11. Solomon Levi, ".....	500 00
" " Leopold Levi, ".....	500 00
" " Abraham Rosenthal, ".....	25 00
" " Abraham Bohm, ".....	100 00
" " Joseph Bohm, ".....	100 00
" " Samuel Fleischman, ".....	100 00
" " Isaacs Brothers, ".....	50 00
" " M. Bettmann, ".....	50 00

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May 11.	B. Bettmann, Cincinnati, O.....	\$ 250 00
	Adam A. Kraier, ".....	250 00
" 12.	A. & H. Straus, ".....	100 00
"	Samuel Lowenthal, ".....	100 00
"	Herman Levi, ".....	100 00
"	Joseph Buchman ".....	100 00
"	Alexander Buchman, ".....	100 00
" 13.	Joseph Zeiller, ".....	100 00
"	Isaac Zeiller, ".....	100 00
" 15.	S. Goldstone, Eureka, Nevada.....	5 60
"	Montefiore Literary Society, Wheeling, West Va.....	5 00
"	Seligman Schatz, Natchez, Miss.....	10 00
"	Louis Krohn, Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
"	Leopold Feiss, ".....	100 00
" 17.	Abraham Reis, ".....	15 00
"	Samuel Reis, ".....	15 00
"	E. M. Moers, ".....	50 00
"	Gerson Fox, Hartford, Ct.....	500 00
" 18.	I. M. Simon, Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
"	Mrs. M. Hamburger, ".....	25 00
"	Mrs. B. Landauer, ".....	25 00
" 22.	Martin Mack, ".....	100 00

Collected by Simon Heavenrich, Esq., at Detroit, Mich.

" 23.	Simon Heavenrich.....	100 00
	Seligman Schloss.....	100 00
	Emanuel Schloss.....	100 00
	Julius Robinson.....	100 00
	E. S. Heineman.....	100 00
	Samuel Heavenrich.....	50 00
	L. Lambert.....	50 00
	Is. Kauffman.....	50 00
	Martin Butzel.....	50 00
	Magnus Butzel.....	50 00
	Sigmund Rothschild.....	50 00

Collected by Emanuel Wertheimer, Esq., at Pittsburg, Pa.

" 24.	Emanuel Wertheimer.....	50 00
	Joseph and Jacob Klee.....	50 00
	Mrs. L. Morgenstern.....	50 00
	Simon Kaufman.....	25 00
	Joseph Morgenstern.....	25 00
	Josiah Cohen.....	25 00
	L. Rosenberger.....	10 00
	William Frank.....	10 00
	Isaac Bierman.....	10 00
	Joseph Kaufman.....	10 00
	Julius Adler.....	10 00
	Charles Zeugschmidt.....	10 00
	William Herzog.....	10 00
	Joseph Meyers.....	10 00
	A. Lippman.....	10 00
	M. Oppenheimer.....	10 00
	Alexander Fink.....	10 00

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	J. Lehman.....	\$ 10 00
	S. Pretzfeld.....	10 00
	S. Gallinger.....	10 00
	Isaac M. Heidelberg.....	10 00
	B. S. Klee.....	10 00
	S. Strassburger.....	10 00
	J. Hannach.....	5 00
	Isaac Kahn.....	5 00
	H. Heidelberg.....	5 00
	M. Klein.....	5 00
	J. Benswanger.....	5 00
	H. Herzog.....	5 00
May 25.	Samuel Haas, Aberdeen, Miss.....	10 00
" "	Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, O.....	200 00
" "	L. J. Workum, ".....	100 00
" "	Albert Levy, ".....	100 00
" 26.	Solomon Hoffheimer, ".....	100 00
" "	Abraham Hoffheimer ".....	100 00
" 29.	Martin Stadler, ".....	200 00
June 1.	A. J. Friedlander, ".....	500 00
" 2.	I. J. Friedlander, ".....	500 00
" 3.	Moritz Loth, ".....	1000 00

Collected by S. Mann, Esq., at Cleveland, O.

" 7.	S. Barnett.....	25 00
	L. H. Cohen.....	12 50
	A. Schwartz.....	25 00
	I. Nussbaum.....	25 00
" 9.	Herman Freedman, Detroit, Mich.....	100 00
" 10.	R. N. Hood, Maryville, Tenn.....	1 15
" 12.	Lipman Levy, Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
" 14.	M. Leon, ".....	100 00
" "	Henry Marks, ".....	100 00
" "	Moses Marks, ".....	100 00
" "	A. Ackerland, ".....	125 00
" 15.	H. M. Moos, ".....	100 00
" 16.	Moritz Frohman, ".....	100 00
" 17.	Julius Reis, ".....	100 00
" 19.	Executor of Jacob Netter, ".....	250 00
" "	James Levy, ".....	250 00
" "	Mrs. B. Stern, ".....	100 00
" 23.	A. Aub, ".....	250 00
" 24.	Executor of Jacob Netter, ".....	250 00
" 26.	M. Bettmann, ".....	50 00

Total.....\$27,368 43

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

* 1875.

Nov. 2.	Pisgah Lodge No. 34, I. O. B. B., Detroit, Mich.....	\$ 25 00
" 11.	Nathan Lodge No. 116, A. J. O. K. S. B., Detroit, Mich.....	25 00

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Collected by D. Alexander, Esq., at Salt Lake City, U. T.

Nov. 19.	Daniel Alexaner.d	\$	5 00
	Ichel Watters		2 00
	F. Auerbach	10	00
	S. Plonsky	1	00
	S. Goldberg	2	00
	Lemuel Cohen	1	00
	J. D. Farmer	2	00
	J. Mendelsohn	2	00
	I. Greenbaum	1	00
	Sol. Rosenthal	2	00
	H. Coffield	1	00
	Fred. Levy	2	00
	A. Hausen	2	00

Collected by Messrs. Frankel, Bach & Co., at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Dec. 1.	Isaiah Frankel		20 00
	E. Bach		20 00
	M. L. Levi		10 00
	S. Baldauf		10 00
	Master A. Frankel		1 00
	“ M. Frankel		1 00
	“ N. Frankel		1 00
	Mrs. Fanny Bach		2 00
	L. Bach, (Pella, Iowa)		10 00
	J. Baldauf, (Pella, Iowa)		10 00
	J. Schlesinger, (Pella, Iowa)		5 00
	H. Schlesinger, (Hampton, Iowa)		5 00
	A. Schlesinger, (Mason City, Iowa)		5 00
Dec. 2.	M. Frank, Delaware, Ohio		5 00
“ 3.	Montefiore Lodge No. 12, I. O. F. S. of I. Detroit, Mich		25 00
“ 10.	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society, Louisiana, Mo		50 00
1876.			
Jany. 7.	Cleveland Literary Union, Cleveland, Ohio		122 20
“ 17.	Mt. Carmel Lodge No. 20, I. O. B. B., Cincinnati, Ohio		100 00
“ “	Ezra Lodge No. 134, I. O. B. B., Natchez, Miss		9 50
“ 21.	“ Daughters of Israel,” Columbus, Ga		25 00
Mar. 15.	Joseph Salzer, Carlisle, Ky		5 00
“ 18.	M. K. Bitterman, Junction City, Kansas		2 00
May 22.	Sir Moses Montefiore, Ramsgate, England, proceeds of a check for £20		109 43
“ 30.	Bernhard Adler, Cincinnati, Ohio		25 00
Total			\$661 13

BIBLES.

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July 1.	A. L. Lessner, Springfield, O	\$	2 00
“ 15.	M. Spi z, Milwaukee, Wis		1 00
“ “	S. Hecht		1 00
Aug. 4.	S. C. Adams, Cincinnati, O		1 00
“ 5.	E. Sickles, Fairfield, Iowa		1 00
“ “	Simon Sultzbach, Ebensburg, Pa		1 00
“ “	E. P. Loveman, Pulaski, Tenn		1 00

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Aug. 6.	Rev. Sophar, Donaldsonville, La	\$ 1 00
" "	Abe W. Wise, Huntsville, Ala.....	1 00
" "	B. M. Emanuel, Livingston, Ala.....	1 00
" 7.	L. S. Bamberger, Hopkinsville, Ky.....	1 00
" "	B. Israel, Lanark, Ill.....	1 00
" 8.	I. Reinhold, Yazoo City, Miss	1 00
" "	M. A. Warteki, Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
" 9.	Joseph Bloch, Opelousas, La.....	1 00
" 12.	G. Posnainsky, Galveston, Texas.....	2 00
" 13.	M. C. Levy, Hallettsville, Texas.....	1 00
" 18.	R. M. Bloombargh, Brenham, Texas.....	1 00
" 19.	Prof. E. J. Young, Cambridge, Mass.....	1 00
" 22.	C. Silverman, Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
" 23.	Louis Eppinger, "	24 00
" "	M. Loth, "	76 00
" 31.	E. Ehrman, Helena, Ark.....	1 00
" "	M. Loth, Cincinnati, O.....	24 00
Sept. 2.	E. Bloch, "	5 00
" 3.	Isaac Levy, "	1 00
" "	S. Bergman, St. Paul, Minn.....	1 00
" 4.	Isador Newman, Starkville, Miss.....	2 00
" 6.	Solomon Sugar, Bastrop, La.....	1 00
" 9.	Charles Kahn, Jr., Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
" 11.	Samuel Hershfield, New Brunswick, N. J.....	1 00
" 14.	Emanuel Steinheimer, Atlanta, Ga.....	1 00
" 16.	M. Bloch, Midlothian, Va.....	1 00
" "	David Levy, Napoleonville, La.....	1 00
" "	Dr. Sophar, Donaldsonville, La.....	1 00
" "	E. Bloch, Cincinnati, O.....	3 00
Oct. 4.	Dr. Sophar, Donaldsonville La.....	2 00
" "	A. Lobenstein, Knoxville, Tenn.....	4 00
" "	S. M. Goldbach, Pensacola, Fla.....	1 00
" "	S. Spear, Galesburg, Ill.....	2 00
" "	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
" "	L. Anthony, Bay City, Mich.....	1 00
" 11.	Max L. Gutman, Rochester, N. Y.....	1 00
" 13.	M. Oppenheimer, Milton, Pa.....	1 00
" 15.	Philip Nusbaum, Titusville, Pa.....	5 00
" 23.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
" 27.	Bloch & Co "	5 00
" 29.	B. Frenkel, "	1 00
" "	Burnett Wadel, Summit, Miss.....	1 00
Nov. 1.	Dr. Sophar, Donaldsonville, La.....	2 00
" 2.	B. Bettmann, Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
" 3.	Dr. V. Rundbaken, Rochester, N. Y.....	6 00
" 10.	Congregation Rodef Sholem, Youngstown, O.....	14 00
" "	H. S. Pressburg, Grand Rapids, Mich.....	1 00
" 11.	Dr. S. Wolfenstein, St. Louis, Mo.....	1 00
" 15.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.....	7 00
" "	Joseph M. Schloss, Cincinnati, O	1 00
" 22.	Dr. I. M. Wise, Cincinnati, O.....	3 00
" 24.	Sol. Levi, Cincinnati, O.....	2 00
Dec. 7.	Bloch & Co "	5 00
" 22.	Solomon Spear, Plymouth, O	1 00
" 13.	L. N. Dembitz, Louisville, Ky.....	7 00
" 22.	E. Bach, Oskaloosa, Iowa.....	1 00

1875.			
Dec.	22.	W. B. Kahn, Cincinnati, O.	\$1 00
"	23.	Dr. Sarner, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
"	27.	B. Cowen & Co., Navasota, Texas.	1 00
"	28.	N. Hefter, Chicago, Ill.	1 00
1876.			
Jany.	2.	M. Stern, Greenville, N. C.	1 00
"	3.	Dr. I. M. Wise, Cincinnati, O.	4 00
"	7.	L. Cahn, New Orleans, La.	1 00
"	"	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	5 00
"	11.	"	5 00
"	12.	L. Solomon, Keokuk, Iowa.	5 00
"	13.	E. Landman, Fall River, Mass.	3 00
"	14.	S. H. Cohn, Hardin, Ills.	1 00
"	17.	R. Landauer, Columbus, Ga.	6 00
"	18.	L. Wolff, Princeton, Ky.	1 00
"	22.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	5 00
"	28.	N. D. Menken, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
"	"	S. Sloman, Athens, Ga.	1 00
Feb.	4.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	5 00
"	9.	Klein Bros., Lauderdale, Miss.	2 00
"	10.	A. Jacobson, Detroit, Mich.	1 00
"	"	J. Birnberg, " "	1 00
"	"	Mrs. R. Doseberg, Walla Walla, Washington Ter.	2 00
"	"	D. A. Magee, Sioux City, Iowa.	1 00
"	11.	D. Levy, Eufaula, Ala.	1 00
"	16.	Michael Heyman, New Iberia, La.	1 00
"	17.	N. D. Menken, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
"	"	G. Jacobs, Athens, Ga.	3 00
"	18.	M. Frank, Delaware, O.	1 00
"	28.	Rev. S. Gerstman, St. Joseph, Mo.	5 00
"	"	Henry Katz, Clinton, Ill.	1 00
"	"	Jonas Hiller, Magnolia, Miss.	1 00
"	29.	Joseph Kling, Seymour, Ind.	1 00
Mar.	2.	David Lashansky, Cumberland, Md.	1 00
"	4.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	5 00
"	6.	Herman Glauber, San Francisco, Cal.	41 00
"	10.	A. Hulbert, Atlanta, Ga.	1 00
"	11.	B. Younker, Louisiana, Mo.	1 00
"	"	E. Michel, " "	1 00
"	13.	Rev. S. Gerstman, St. Joseph, Mo.	5 00
"	18.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	1 00
"	20.	M. Bauer, " "	1 00
"	29.	Bloch & Co., " "	10 00
"	30.	N. Drucker, " "	1 00
"	"	L. Wolff, Princeton, Ky.	1 00
Apr	1.	Cash, Cincinnati, O.	2 00
"	6.	J. L. Gross, Akron, O.	1 00
"	12.	N. D. Menken, Memphis, Tenn.	1 00
"	"	M. D. Wald, Dayton, O.	1 00
"	14.	M. Leeb, Montgomery, Ala.	1 00
"	20.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.	3 00
"	29.	Wilde & Co., " "	1 00
May	4.	Bloch & Co., " "	6 00
"	8.	E. Wolff, " "	1 00
"	10.	Henry Stix, " "	1 00
"	15.	M. Klein, Alexandria, La.	5 00

1875.			
May 31.	Bloch & Co., Cincinnati, O.		\$2 00
June 3.	"	"	4 00
" 9.	"	"	5 00
" 12.	S. Wise, Abbeville, La.		1 00
"	" J. Waterman, Bangor, Me.		1 00
" 14.	L. N. Dembitz, Louisville, Ky.		3 00
" 21.	Cash		1 00
" 22.	M. Luxemburg, Cincinnati, O.		1 00
" 28.	Bloch & Co.,	"	5 00
" 29.	David Arent, Farmerville, La.		1 00
Total			\$438 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1875.			
Nov. 24.	\$3,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds, transferred from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund		\$3,596 25
Dec. 29.	Proceeds of 6 months' gold interest on \$11,000 5-20 bonds		372 07
1876.			
June 22.	D. Woolf, express charges on books donated by him to the Hebrew Union College		1 25
" 26.	Interest on General Fund to June 6, 1876		120 00
" 27.	Proceeds of 6 months' gold interest on \$25,000 U. S. bonds		840 00
Total			\$4,929 57

RECAPITULATION.

Dues from Congregations	\$2,726 50
Annual Subscriptions	775 00
Donations to Sinking Fund	27,368 43
" Indigent Student Fund	661 13
Bibles	438 00
Miscellaneous	4,929 57
Total Receipts	\$36,898 63
Balance in hands of Treasurer July 1, 1875	1,639 41
Total	\$38,538 04

DISBURSEMENTS.

(For Details see Proceedings of Executive Board.)

Printing and stationery	\$386 60
Postage and expressage	58 27
Jewish periodicals	20 00
Secretary's salary	600 00
Bible Fund account	479 69
*Invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds	24,500 00
*Premium on	5,393 12
Miscellaneous	550 67

*This includes the transfer of \$3,000 bonds from the General Fund to the Sinking Fund.

Payments ordered by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.....	3,104 78	
Total.....		35,093 13
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		\$3,444 91
(Of which \$3,333 90 belong to the General Fund and \$111 01 belong to the Sinking Fund.)		
\$25,000 00 in 5-20 bonds, belonging to the Sinking Fund, deposited with Cincinnati Safe De- posit Company; cost and estimated value.		30,500 62
Total funds on hand.....		\$33,945 53
Subscriptions to Sinking Fund not yet collected		35,255 00
Total assets.....		\$69,200 53

INDIGENT STUDENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated by Second Council.....	\$1,500 00	
Donations received.....	661 13	
Total.....		\$2,161 13
Disbursements made by order of the Board of Governors.....		2,260 16
Overdrawn		\$99 03

BIBLE FUND ACCOUNT.

1875.			
July 1.	To balance	\$ 82 15	
Oct. 10.	" amount paid for 500 Bibles.....	475 00	
"	" " " " wrappers and freight.....	4 69	
			\$561 84
	By sales from July 1, 1875, to June 30, 1876.....		438 00
	Balance.....		\$123 84

BIBLE ACCOUNT.

Number of Bibles on hand July 1, 1875.....	201	
Purchased.....	500	
		701
Sold.....		438
Number of Bibles on hand		263

Since the last meeting of the Executive Board congregation Bickur Cholim, of Donaldsonville, La., has become a member of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

REPRESENTATIVES :—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876:

	General Fund.	Sinking Fund
Balance in Treasurer's hands on July		
1, 1875, - - - - -	\$1,120 78	\$ 518 63
Received from Lipman Levy, Sec'y,	8,318 13	28,580 50
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Orders paid, Nos. 37 to 120, both in-	\$9,438 91	\$29,099 13
clusive, - - - - -	6,105 01	28,988 12
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Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$3,333 90	\$111 01

Respectfully submitted.

SOLOMON LEVI, Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

CINCINNATI, June 6, 1876.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College has the honor of submitting to you, for reference to the Council which will convene in the city of Washington on July 11, 1876, its annual report, accompanying therewith the Report of the President of the College.

The Board, upon the adjournment of the Council at Buffalo, met and organized, and the following were elected officers for the ensuing year:

B. Bettmann, of Cincinnati, O., President.

Herman E. Sterne, of Peru, Ind., Vice-President.

Adam A. Kramer, of Cincinnati, O., Secretary.

And the following standing committees were then appointed by the President for the ensuing year:

Committee on Course of Study and Library.—Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, Henry Adler, Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein.

Committee on Examinations and Discipline.—Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Herman E. Sterne, B. Bettmann.

Committee on Buildings and Supplies.—Henry Mack, Nathan Bloom, L. Rosenfeld.

Committee on Salaries, Claims and Accommodations.—Solomon Levi, Josiah Cohen, Adam A. Kramer.

The history of the College since its dedication in this city is given in the detailed and interesting report of its President, herewith presented, and there remain only a few observations not embraced therein.

In accordance with the laws of the Union, and under the auspices of this Board, the "Hebrew Union College" was formally opened and dedicated on Sunday, October 3, 1875, with appropriate services, and for that purpose the use of the Temple of the Kal Kodesh B'nai Yeshurun, at the corner of Eight and Plum Streets, was generously given. These services were highly interesting and very impressive, and the vast auditorium of this beautiful temple was filled on the occasion by the largest assemblage of our co-religionists ever witnessed in this city.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise was unanimously elected President of the College for the ensuing year, and in the acceptance of the office he tendered to the Board his services gratuitously, as Professor, and he has with remarkable zeal and ability discharged the duties of President and Professor, and has devoted all his energy to the cause.

The Board also appointed Mr. S. Eppinger, of this city, as preceptor, for the class, at the salary of \$700.00 for the year, \$200.00 of which are for extra services in giving instructions to the students after the class-hours. Mr. Eppinger has assisted the President of the College with fidelity and ability.

No other teachers were deemed necessary for this year, but the opening of the higher grade, and the increased demands of the College will require the employment of at least one additional professor or preceptor for the next year.

Mr. A. J. Freidlander, of this city, was elected a member of this Board to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Dr. I. M. Wise upon his appointment as President of the College.

The College sessions, as well as the meetings of this Board, have been held in the school rooms of the Kal Kodesh B'nai Israel, corner Eighth and Mound Streets, in this city, kindly donated for this purpose. But these rooms will not be available for the College in the ensuing year, and another place for the classes would be desirable.

Seventeen students have been admitted during the year, nine of whom have been supported by the board as indigent. A comfortable home was provided for these students with Mr. J. J. Maas, the proprietor of the "Educational Institute," of this city, and at an expense of \$25.00 per month for each indigent student, for board and lodging. This arrangement was made by the Board as the only means by which the students could be kept together, and under the control of competent management, and as the least expensive.

It is quite evident however, that at no late day these accommodations will be inadequate to the demand of the increased number of indigent students, and the Board is of opinion that a large portion of the Jewish youth, expected to take advantage of the benefits of the College, will be of the indigent class.

It is therefore recommended for the consideration of the Council that the successors of this Board be authorized to rent or lease by the year a suitable building where the students may be provided for under the control of the Board, and where the sessions of the College and the meetings of the Board may be held, provided such a course will be deemed expedient.

The indigent students now in the class are, and have been, wholly without means, and the support given them by the Board, extended not only to board and lodging, but included every necessity of life; and this, no doubt, will be the case hereafter.

The sum of \$1500 00, appropriated by the Council for the support of these students, was early exhausted, and but for the assistance of your worthy Board, no other means could have been obtained.

The total expenditures of this Board for the year, exclusive of the coming month, are \$3104 78; and of this sum, \$2260 16, were used to pay the necessary expenses of the indigent students.

It will be necessary to make suitable provision for the support of these students for the next year, and it is hoped that ere long the College edifice, to be erected in accordance with the Constitution of the Union, will be permanently established, and the noble cause so auspiciously inaugurated, thus assured enduring success.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BETTMANN, *President.*

ADAM A. KRAMER, *Secretary.*

First Annual Report of the President of the “ Hebrew Union College. ”

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—According to your laws and regulations, it is my duty to lay before you an annual report from the Hebrew Union College, which I hereby beg leave to submit respectfully.

On the third day of October, 1875, the College was formally and solemnly opened in the city of Cincinnati; and on October 4th Grade D of the Preparatory Department was opened for the students, when the following registered: Israel Aaron, Nathan Cohn, David Eichberg, Edward Heinsheimer, Joseph Krauskopf, Louis D. Marks, David Philipson, Fred Strasburg and Alexander Ullman; to which were added, October 5th, Levy Rosenbush; October 7th, Joseph D. Rothschild; October 11th, Joseph Friedlander and David Runes; October 25th, Miss Julia Ettlinger; January 31, 1876, Henry Berkowitz, Isaac Rubenstein and Charles Ellgutter. Two more students had registered and withdrew on account of a lack of financial means. Three of the above students could not be accepted regularly in the class, because they were not admitted to the high school, viz: Marks, Rubenstein and Miss Ettlinger, and one because not sufficiently prepared in Hebrew, viz: Charles Ellgutter. Still they went along with the class regularly, and have progressed well; so that the class as it is now actually consists of seventeen students, thirteen of whom are also students of the high school in various grades; one, Israel Aaron, is a freshman in the University, and three are pupils of the intermediate school, to be admitted to the high school this fall. Twelve of these students are American born and five European.

אצילי בני ישראל

October 11, 1875, the collegiate association, called *Azilai B'nai Israel*, was constituted by the students of the Hebrew Union College, for literary exercises in composition and elocution, and lectures in Hebrew history; and to establish a union of students forever, as every student of the H. U. C. remains forever a member thereof, and every student or graduate of any high school, college or university may become a member thereof by election. The association has met every Sunday and has had its regular literary exercises and lectures on Hebrew history by the undersigned.

THE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The preceptor, Mr. Solomon Eppinger, instructed daily, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, two hours, from four to six P. M., in the College rooms at the *B'nai Israel Temple* on Mound Street. Besides, he instructed privately such students who could not go along with the class, enabling them to remain in the same. The preceptor is a practical, punctual, conscientious and successful teacher, always at his post punctually, and zealous in the performance of his duties.

He went over the ground:

1. *Grammar*—Orthography and Etymology complete, and the beginning of Syntax.
2. *Pentateuch*—Genesis, Chapters 1 to 24 omitting 5; Exodus, 19 to 25; Leviticus, 16, 17, 19, 23 and 24; Numbers, 10, 11, 12, 35 and 36; Deuteronomy, 1 to 22; 61 chapters.
3. *Psalms*—1 to 34, 48, 81 to 83, 90 to 100, 104, 113 to 120, 134, 145 to 150; 77 chapters.
4. *Mechilta*—Pesichta, three sections in *Bo*, and eight in *Mishpatim*, 4 to 10; 12.
5. *Pirkei Aboth* complete.

It must be observed here that the *Thorah* was read cursory, because the class will have to take up *Thorah* again with commentaries.

Psalms were selected for analytical reading, because in the first place they are the ground work of the daily prayers, which the students should certainly understand first. In the second place *Psalms* is the book most interesting to the young on account of its devotional character, gives nourishment to the religious feelings without any national or sectarian prejudices, cultivates the aesthetical sentiments; and

besides all this, the book contains the greatest variety of Hebrew style from different periods of history.

Pirkei Aboth were taken first in order to acquaint the students first with the ethics of the Rabbis, and in order to introduce them to Mishnah reading first from punctuated books and by subjects interesting to all.

The monthly examinations in November and December having proved considerable progress, the class was divided in the second hour in two divisions, so that while Mr. Eppinger instructed one division in *Mechilta*, the undersigned instructed the other division in Mishnah with the commentary of Obadiah of Bartenura. He taught them Sanhedrin from I. to Perak. VI., Mishnah four, and the Perakim ten and eleven, and then seventh, eighth and ninth Perakim of Sotah. Sanhedrin was selected on account of its historical importance and the simplicity of diction. The Perakim omitted to treat on the **ארכעמיתות** which could not be read with young students for obvious causes. The concluding Perakim of Sotah were selected partly on account of historical notices which they contain, their simplicity of diction, their liturgical notes, and the general survey of passages in Deuteronomy. The selections from the *Mechilta* were made with reference to the **מדות** hermeneutic rules expounded and applied in those chapters, which introduces into the dialects of the Talmud in a diction much simpler than anywhere in the Talmud. In *Hebrew Grammar* the practical application was considered the main point, and all translations from *Bible, Mishnah and Mechilta* were also used as practical lessons in Hebrew Grammar, with steady reference to foreign terms, Aramaic, Latin, or Greek, where such occur, and to comparative philology, as far as the students were prepared to follow.

In Jewish history, the same method was applied. A general survey was given from Zerubabel to the close of the *Mishnah*, and at every occasion offering, the data were pointed out, especially in the *Mishnah*.

The difficulty of reading the Hebrew without vowel points was overcome by the steady reference to the rules of grammar; and the understanding of the *Mishnah* was facilitated by the historical notes and the definition of the terminology supplied to every passage.

DISCIPLINE.

At the beginning some difficulties were experienced in enforcing

a proper discipline, but they were soon overcome, and without rigorous means, merely by moral suasion and personal influence, exercised by the teachers, and supported by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, and the President of your Board.

SUCCESS.

It has been supposed that American students are incapable of mastering the Hebrew and rabbinical lessons; but this year's experience completely overthrows this supposition; for almost all the students have completely mastered the lessons specified above, which, in my estimation, would befit them to begin reading the Talmud. They have done a piece of work in eight months which would do honor to any class in any country. Being obliged to write this report before the annual examination has taken place, I can yet maintain that four-fifths of the class will be fully prepared to enter a higher grade with the beginning of the next scholastic year. It is evident now that American students can be educated to fine Hebrew scholars and rabbis of competency. It requires labor, patience and money; but it can be done, and it can be done well. There is no lack of intelligence and no want of zeal. In as far as the material and the first year's experiment are concerned, gentlemen, I believe your labor in behalf of this great and good enterprise may be called a *success*.

THE LIBRARY.

Calls on the community for books to the College library called forth several generous responses. There are now in the Public Library of Cincinnati a folio Talmud Babli and other books, the donations of Mrs. Loeb, of Cincinnati, and a folio Mikraoth Guedoloth by Sir Moses Montefiore.

These books will be specified in my next report. There are in the College the following books: *One Talmud Babli*. Octavo. 12 volumes. Warsaw edit. Nathan Schriftgiesser, 1872. Presented by Ignatz Herzog, of Chicago.

One Mishnaioth, punctuated, German translation and commentary. 6 volumes quarto. Vienna edition. George Holzinger, 1817. Presented by Ignatz Herzog, of Chicago.

One Mishnaioth, punctuated German translation and commentary.

Berlin edition. I. Lewent, 1833. Three volumes. Presented by Nathan Moses, Esq., of Cincinnati.

One *Mishnaioth*, with commentaries, 2 volumes, octavo, Stettin edition, R. Grossman, 1853. Presented by F. Becker, Keokuk, Iowa.

One *Mishnaioth*, with the two commentaries, three volumes, quarto. Wilmersdorf edition, 1715. Presented by Mrs. L. Pappenheimer, of Cincinnati.

One *Mishnaioth*, complete in three volumes, with the usual commentaries. Berlin edition, 1763. Quarto. Presented by Solomon L. Levi, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

One *Fragmentary Mishnaioth*. Quarto, with the usual commentaries. Amsterdam edition, 1685. Presented by——

Shulchan Aruch, four volumes, octavo, with Beer Haitib, Amsterdam edition, 1810. Presented by Moses N. Williams, of Philadelphia.

Seder Haddoroth, one volume octavo. Complete, except the title page. Presented by Mr. Herzog, of Chicago.

One *Hebrew Bible*, without vowel points, one volume, duodecimo. Amsterdam edition, 1701.

Hebrew Bible, octavo, Leipzig edition, 1839.

One *Hebrew Bible* (without title page), with Hebrew vocabulary appended, octavo. Magdeburg edition, 1751.

One *Hebrew Bible* with Rashi and German version in Hebrew letters, 4 volumes quarto. Amsterdam edition, 1745. Presented by E. M. Moerel, of Rochester, N. Y.

One *Hebrew Bible*, four volumes octavo, Frankfort on the Main 1777, Leopold Gusdorf, of Fremont, O.

One *Thorah and Nebiim Rishonim*, with Spanish translation in Hebrew letters, one volume. Quarto. Constantinople edition, 1838. Presented by David Cohen, of Columbus, Ohio.

One *Pentateuch*, with Dr. A. Benish's English translation, octavo. Roedelheim edition, 1864.

One *Pentateuch*, with Rashi and Tephilah, Haphtoroth in 5 volumes octavo. Amsterdam edition, 1827.

One *Pentateuch*, with Rashi and Tephilah, Haphtoroth in 5 volumes. Amsterdam edition, 1797. Presented by G. S. Ensel, Springfield, Ill.

One *Pentateuch*, without vowel points, duodecimo. Amsterdam edition, 1859.

Nebiim, Former and Latter Prophets, one volume octavo. Amsterdam edition, 1667.

Book of Samuel, with Ralbag, in one volume, octavo. Karlsruhe edition, 1826.

Mishlai, with commentaries and German translation. Ofenbach edition, 1805, octavo.

Deuteronomy, with Targum, commentaries and German translation. One volume. Berlin edition, 1833.

Pentateuch, 3 copies. Leipzig edition, 1859. Presented by Mr. Mayerstein, of Lafayette, Ia.

Four Hebrew Bibles, Philadelphia edition.

Biblia Pentapla, quarto. Hamburg edition, 1711. Presented by Abraham Shields, of St. Louis.

Sepher Dibrai Sholom, Derashoth to the Pentateuch, by Isaac Ben Samuel Adarei, folio, one volume. Venice edition, 1605. Complete and somewhat mutilated. Presented by B. Yonker, Louisiana, Mo.

Alshuch, to the 5 Megilloth. One volume. Folio. Ofenbach edition, 1718. Presented by the same.

Commentary to the Pentateuch, by Rabbi Jacob, the author of the Turim. Quarto. One volume. Hannover edition, 1838. Presented by the same.

Commentary to the Pentateuch by Don Isaac Abarbanel, 2 volumes. Quarto. Warsaw edition, 1862. Presented by A. L. Mayer.

Moreh Nebuchim, by Moses Maimonides, 1 volume. Quarto. Warsaw edition, 1872. Presented by Ignatz Herzog.

Three books on Grammar, by Judah Chiveg. 1 volume. Octavo. London edition, 1870. Presented by Jacob Ezekiel.

Publications of the *Mekitzai Nirdamim*, viz., Imrai Shefer, Parts I. and II.; Sepher Hamussar, Malmad Hatalmidim; Pesikta of Rab. Kahana; Vikuach al Ahabah; Pachad Jitzchak from *Ayim* to end of *Pai*. Presented by Rev. Dr. Messing, of Peoria, Ill.

Sepher Chasidim, no title page. 1 volume. Quarto.

Concordantiae Bibliorum Germanico Hebraico Graecae, large folio. One volume. Leipzig and Frankfurt edition, 1705. Presented by Abraham Shields, of St. Louis, Mo.

Hebrew-Latin Dictionary. 1 volume. Duodecimo. Antwerp edition, 1588. Presented by A. Abraham, of Cincinnati.

Greek and German Dictionary, by Dr. Rost. 1 volume. Octavo. Erfurt edition, 1823. Presented by Mr. Fuerst, St. Joseph, Mo.

Hebrew-German Dictionary, by Cassel. Presented by Dr. Geis-mar, of Cincinnati.

Minor Books, viz., 2 Likutai Zebi; Tephilah; Machsor; Minhagai Fuerth; Shelichoth; Josephon; Mishpatai Hataamim; Reggio's Maf-teach; Lewisohn's Kalenderwesen; Steinschneider's Manna; Jellinek's Der Juedische Stamm; Letteris Hameaseph (fragment) and one manuscript Meguilath Esther.

Catalogue of L. Rosenfeld's Library at Amsterdam. 2 volumes. Octavo.

Clavis Novi Testamenti Philologica. 2 volumes. Octavo. Leipzig edition, 1822. Presented by Mr. Fuerst, St. Joseph, Mo.

Greek Grammar, Buttmann's. 1 volume. Octavo. Berlin edition, 1829. Presented by the same.

Hebraeische Grammatik, Wm. Gesenius. One volume. Octavo. Halle edition, 1824. Presented by the same.

Besides the above the College has in use five copies of the Mechilta, which belong to the library.

These are a hundred and three volumes, besides those deposited in the Public Library; so that we have on hand the nucleus to a Hebrew library, the increase of which by donations and purchases, I can recommend most urgently.

CONCLUSION.

So, with the help of God, the beginning was made to establish the College and library to the glory of God, and the promulgation of Israel's sublime and rich literature. The work was done earnestly and successfully. The seeds of the "Union" have sprouted and begin to show promising plants. Your labor has been arduous and remunerative; "And he who sets man to work, is faithful to pay the wages due to the workingmen." Thanking you, gentlemen, for the confidence you have placed in me, and assuring you of my highest regards for you,

I am your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

President of Hebrew Union College.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT OF DR. WISE.

I beg leave to report that since the above paper has been received by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College there have been sent to the library, by M. Loth, Esq., the following additional volumes :

The donation of Rev. Mr. Naumburg, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

1. One *Mishnaioth* with German translation in Hebrew letters and Hebrew commentary. 3 volumes, quarto. Berlin edition, 1832.
2. One *Chumesh*, Hebrew text. Svo. Leipzig, 1862.
3. One *Psalms*, Hebrew. 12mo. London edition, 1857.
4. One *Isaiah*, Hebrew text, German translation in Hebrew letters (Heinemann's). Berlin edition, 1842.
5. One *Orach Chaim* (deficient). • No title page. 12mo.
6. One *Chobeth Halcbaboth*, with German translation in Hebrew letters. Svo. Amsterdam edition, 1726.
7. One *Talmud Leshon Ibri* (Ben Zeeb's). Svo. Vienna edition, 1818.
8. Twelve Hundred Questions and Answers to the Bible (Myers). 12mo. Wilmington, N. C., edition, 1868.
9. Roemische Geschichte von V. G. Niebuhr. 2 volumes. Smo Berlin edition, 1811.
10. *Kurzer Entwurf der alten Geographie* von P. F. A. Nitsch. 12mo. Leipzig edition, 1821. 13 volumes.

The Donation of Mr. M. Hirshberg, of Cincinnati, in Memory of his Deceased Uncle, Rev. Jacob L. Levinski.

1. One *Hebrew Bible* (defective). 12mo. Berlin edition.
2. One *Hebrew Pentateuch* (defective), without vowel points, with *Dinai Keriath Hattorah*.
3. Moses Alsheich's Commentaries to the Pentateuch. quarto. Dirnfurt edition, 1791.
4. One *Mishnaioth*. 3 volumes. • With usual commentaries. quarto. Dirnfurt edition, 1796.
5. *Aboth with Tain Lebanon*. Folio. Berlin edition, 1775.
6. Eight volumes of *Talmud Babli*. Folio, viz.: Baba Bathra Guittin, Perachoth, Zebachim, Baba Kamma, Yoma, Niddeh, Chulin, of various editions.
7. *Ein Jakob*, with nine commentaries. Royal quarto. 3 volumes. Warsaw edition, 1864.
8. *Shulchan Aruch, Orach Chaim*, with the usual commentaries. Folio. Dirnfurt edition. (date mutilated.)
9. One *Orach Chaim*. Octavo. Defective.
10. *Toreh Deah*, with the usual commentaries. Folio. Ostrawa, 1807.
11. Vol. II. of the same work, published in 1814.

12. *Lechem Happanim to Yoreh Deah*. Folio. Fuerth edition, 1738.
13. *Yoreh Deah with Kerethi Upelethi*. Folio. Amsterdam edition, 1799.
14. *Eben Haezer*, with the usual commentaries. Folio. Fuerth edition, 1782.
15. *Sidrei Taharah to Hilchoth Niddah*. Folio. Dirnfurt edition, 1808.
16. *Chochmath Adam and Binath Adam*. Folio. Zolkiew edition, 1835.
17. *Meharsho* (defective). Folio.
18. *Chidushei Halachoth*, by Maier Schiff. Folio. Amsterdam edition, 1696.
19. *Mair Einai Chachamim*, by Maier Lublin. Folio. Dirnfurt edition, 1806.
20. *Chidushai Haran to Baba Mezia*. Quarto. Dirnfurt edition, 1833.
21. *Beth Samuel*, Responses to Codes Choshen Mishpat and Eben Haezer, with the author's Derashoth. Folio. Novi Dwahr edition, 1806.
22. *Emunah Yesarah*. 12mo. Krotoschin edition, 1843.
23. *Sepher Tishbi* (defective). 8vo.
24. *Shirai Tifereth*, by N. H. Wessely. 8vo. Warsaw edition, 1840.
25. Introduction to Hebrew Language, by J. P. Wilson. 12mo. Philadelphia edition, 1812.
26. *Otzer Leshon Hak-Kodesh*, by Abraham Buchner. 12mo. Warsaw edition, 1830.
27. *Maaber Yabbok*. 12mo. Vienna edition, 1813. 38 volumes.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

To the Executive Board of the Union of A. H. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Committee appointed by the Council of the Union of A. H. C., at its second Annual Session in Buffalo, with the instruction to increase the offered prize for the best Biblical and best Post-Biblical history of the Jews to \$100, and in case no manuscripts worthy of a prize should be handed, to give our

opinion as to the best Biblical and Post-Biblical history already published, beg leave to submit the following:

We have not received any manuscript worthy of notice. Rev. Dr. S. Deutsch, of Hartford, Conn., published shortly after the last session of the Council a Biblical history, and laid it before your Committee. We examined the book ourselves, consulted experts, and the general opinion is that the book is highly satisfactory. We, therefore, recommend it to the Congregations of our Union as the best existing text-book for Biblical history. We also recommend to reward the author with the offered prize.

As the best text-book for Post-Biblical history we consider a book written in the German language. It is: Dr. Cassel's *Leitfaden für den Unterricht in der jüdischen Geschichte*. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
DR. A. BLUM,
DR. J. L. MEYER,
D. J. WORKUM.

On motion of Mr. A. A. Kramer, the Council took a recess for half an hour.

On re-assembling, the President announced the following Standing Committees:

ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Mr. Julius Freiberg, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Henry Adler, of Washington, D. C.; Rev. M. Samfield, of Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. S. Mannheimer, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, of Pittsburgh, Penn.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Mr. Bernhard Bettmann, of Cincinnati, O.; Rev. L. Stern, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mr. Siegmund Levyn, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. K. Hays, of Cleveland, O.; Rev. Dr. M. Tintner, of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

ON FINANCE.

Mr. Simon Heavenrich, of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Henry Adler, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Lazarus Silverman, of Chicago, Ill.; Mr. J. L. Blout, of Lafayette, Ind.; Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. G. Lansburgh, of Piqua, O.; Mr. T. David, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Louis M. Brock, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. W. Nordlinger, of Natchez, Miss.; Mr. J. Gotthelf, of Alexandria, La.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Albert Peyser, of Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. E. Hirshfeld, of Charleston, S. C.; Rev. E. L. Hess, of Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. Marcus Cohn, of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. A. A. Kramer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President appoint the following Special Committees:

On Ladies' Seminary.

" Recommendation No. 1 in President Loth's Report.

" Recommendation No. 2 " "

" Recommendation Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6 in President Loth's Report

" General Business.

The President thereupon appointed the following:

ON LADIES' SEMINARY.

Mr. Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, of Cincinnati, O.; Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Max Hoffheimer, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. B. Gusdorf, of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

ON RECOMMENDATION NO. 1.

Mr. Lewis Abraham, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Solomon Levi, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. A. Saks, of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. A. Binswanger, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Dr. A. J. Messing, of Peoria, Ill.

ON RECOMMENDATION NO. 2.

Rev. M. Samfield, of Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. Henry Gersoni, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mr. Nathan Frank, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. S. Gerstman, of St. Joseph, Mo.; Mr. Charles Herzberg, of Columbus, O.

ON RECOMMENDATIONS NOS. 3, 4, 5 AND 6.

Mr. A. J. Friedlander, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Joseph Garson, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. William Katzenstein, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mr.

Nathan Drucker, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Marx Liebschutz, of Vincennes, Ind.

ON GENERAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Moritz Loth, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Max Cohen, of Petersburg, Va.; Mr. Nathan Moses, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. A. E. Bloom of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Lewis Mayer, of Cincinnati, O.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of President Loth's Report as refers to the establishment of a Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary be referred to the Committee on Ladies' Seminary;

That his recommendations numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be respectively referred to the committees appointed for that purpose:

That all the other recommendations in his report be referred to the Committee on General Business.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Secretary as refers to the receipts and expenditures be referred to the Committee on Finance;

That so much of his report as refers to delinquent congregations be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the reports of the Board of Governors and of the President of the Hebrew Union College be referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools be referred to the Committee on Publications.

Resolved, That the correspondence received during the past year and the letter book of the Secretary be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Rev. S. Gerstman proposed the following, which was ordered to lie over for future consideration:

Resolved, That the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall meet hereafter on the second Tuesday after the Feast of Tabernacles (Succoth) 5638—1878 and biennially thereafter.

Resolved, That the sessions of said Council shall always be held at the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, the birthplace of the Union—the home of the College.

Resolved, That an examination of the students at the College shall be held in the presence of the delegates to the Council.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal offered the following:

WHEREAS, Our sister congregations have resolved to open in the city of New York a second Hebrew college for the education and instruction of Jewish ministers; and whereas our brethren in the Eastern metropolis, assisted by other congregations, have got the means, the men, and by their side peculiar scientific institutions to make the

proposed institution a success; and whereas in our country there is room enough for several institutions of the kind; therefore be it

Resolved, That the delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, assembled in Washington, D. C., hereby tender to their Eastern sister congregations, engaged in the noble work of opening a second Hebrew college for Jewish ministers, their hearty congratulations, wishing that every success may crown their praiseworthy efforts.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions and preamble be transmitted to the Chairman, N. Rosenfeld, Esq., of New York, by the President and Secretary of our Union, duly signed and sealed.

Pending the discussion on the above, Mr. A. A. Kramer offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations renew its pledge of good will and earnest desire that all sections of this country shall be members and co-workers in the cause of this Union, and believe that it is for the welfare of American Israel that all sections, North, East, South and West, shall compose the Union; it therefore in the name of American Israel urgently asks as a duty, and demands all sections to join the Union as a common duty to a common cause, and thereby enable this body in its united strength to distribute its blessings alike to all sections.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy the whole subject was referred to the Committee on General Business.

Mr. B. Bettmann proposed the following, which was referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College:

WHEREAS, It is now evident that a great many students of the Hebrew Union College will require material support, and whereas as little as possible should be drawn for that purpose from the general fund, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Council respectfully solicits the formation everywhere of Auxiliary Societies for raising money for the support of indigent students.

Resolved, That we call especially upon the Jewish ladies, who will in this, as in all other instances, maintain their ancient glory of being the promoters of everything good and noble.

Resolved, That a separate account be held of these moneys received and disbursed, and a complete report be made at every meeting of the Council.

Mr. M. Loth presented a poem written by Miss Sophie Freedman, of Buffalo, N. Y., dedicated to the U. A. H. C., which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publication.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal proposed the following, which was referred to the Committee on Recommendation No. 1 of President Loth's report :

WHEREAS, The annual election of ministers by the congregations is and must be detrimental to the best interests of Judaism, preventing many a considerate parent to educate his child for such a position of life; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of our Union be, and is hereby instructed to issue an address to the congregations of our Union, stating the fatal consequences of these annual elections, and to ask their opinion whether it would not be advisable to elect their ministers first for a provisional term of one or two years, and in case their services have given satisfaction, to re-elect them either for the term of during good behavior, or at least for a term of ten years.

Resolved, That the congregations of our Union be requested to instruct their delegates to report on his proposed change at our next conference.

The President, in behalf of the Committee of Arrangements, then invited the delegates and the ladies accompanying them to a carriage ride in the evening.

On motion the Council adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 12, 1876.

The Council met at nine o'clock A. M., President Wolf in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Max Samfield, of Memphis, Tenn.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Publication presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Publications, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Sabbath-schools, respectfully begs leave to report, that they move the adoption of the report of said committee in which it recommends: first, the Biblical history of the Rev. S. Deutsch, of Hartford, Conn., as the best existing text-book for Biblical history. Second, the award of the offered prize of \$200 to the author. Third, as the best text-book for Post Biblical History, a book written in the German language, namely, „*Zeitfaben für den Unterricht in der jüdischen Geschichte*“ by Dr. Cassel, all of which is

Respectfully submitted,

B. BETTMANN,
REV. L. STERN,
S. LEVYN,
K. HAYS,
REV. DR. M. TINTNER,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. A. E. Bloom, the report was taken up for action by sections. Section 1, was adopted.

A motion by Mr. M. Loth to strike out Section 2, was lost, a vote being then taken it was adopted. An amendment offered by Mr. A. E. Bloom that the work referred to in Section 3, be translated into English, was lost. Section 3 was then adopted, and a motion to adopt the report as a whole as it came from the committee was carried.

The Committee on Publications also presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee on Publications, to whom was referred the poem of Miss Sophie Freedman, of Buffalo, respectfully beg leave to report that we recommend its acceptance with thanks for the kind intentions therein expressed.

B. BETTMANN,
REV. L. STERN,
S. LEVYN,
K. HAYS,
REV. DR. M. TINTNER.
Committee.

The following communication was presented and read:

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12, 1876.

To the officers and members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—At the late annual meeting of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites held in the city of Philadelphia, the following resolution, offered by Mr. S. Wolf, of Washington, D. C., was adopted:

Resolved, "That a committee of three be appointed to confer with similar committees of the A. U. and New York College Conventions, to bring about as speedily as possible a complete union of all Hebrew Congregations of the United States."

Messrs. L. Bamberger, of N. Y.; M. Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, and S. Wolf, of Washington, were appointed such committee. In accordance with said resolution, the undersigned now most respectfully ask that your council appoint a Committee of Conference.

MAYER SULZBERGER,
S. WOLF.

Mr. B. Bettmann moved that a Committee of Conference be appointed to which Mr. Lipman Levy, proposed an amendment that Mr. Sulzberger, one of the Committee from the Board of Delegates, be invited to address the Council on the subject matter contained in the communication. The motion, as amended, being unanimously

adopted, Mr. Sulzberger was escorted to the platform by Messrs. M. Loth and Josiah Cohen, and addressed the Council. The President appointed as the Committee of Conference Mr. Solomon Levi, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. B. Bettmann having, at his own request in consequence of want of time been excused from serving on the Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report:
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 11, 1876.

To the Council of the A. H. C.

GENTLEMEN:—We, your Committee on "Correspondence" beg leave to report that we have examined the correspondence of the Union and Letter-book of the Secretary, but have no action or recommendation to propose in relation thereto, as both letters received and answers sent, relate in greater part to the usual course of business of the Union. We can not forego recognizing the services of the worthy Secretary, Mr. Lipman Levy, and the able manner in which he has conducted the correspondence, especially as we find that various delicate and at the same time important questions which arose during the past year, have been arranged by him, in a mutually satisfactory manner. We trust the "Council" will take due cognizance thereof.

Respectfully submitted by

G. LANSBURGH,
TH. DAVID,
W. NORDLINGER,
LOUIS M. BROCK.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee.

The Committee on Reports of Congregation presented the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the Council of U. A. H. C.

GENTLEMEN:—Your undersigned Committee on Reports of Congregations begs leave to submit the following:

Since the congregation "Children of Israel" of Augusta, Ga., has, for two successive years, although several times requested by the Secretary, failed to comply with the obligations of membership stated in Article III. of our Constitution, we would respectfully recommend that said Congregation shall be declared suspended from this Union according to Article IV. of our Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
A. PEYSER,
E. HIRSHFELD,
E. L. HESS,
MAX COHEN.

On motion the report was adopted.

Committee.

The Committee on Recommendation No. 2, in President Loth's report, presented the following report:

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.

REPRESENTATIVES:—Your Committee on the President's Recommendation No. 2, respectfully recommends that in order to carry into effect suggestion No. 2 of the President's report that a permanent Committee representing the various sections of the country either appointed by the President or elected by the Council as may seem most advisable, be called into existence, who shall have full power to devise measures to accomplish the purpose expressed in said suggestion, including power to carry into effect the means they may devise.

MAX SAMFIELD,
HENRY GERSONI,
NATHAN FRANK,
SIMON GERSTMAN,
CHAS. HERZBERG,
Committee.

Mr. Lewis Abraham proposed a substitute for the report, which was, together with report, referred back to the Committee.

The Council then took a recess for one hour for the purpose of enabling the members to pay their respects to the President of the United States.

On re-assembling the Committee on Proposition No. 1, of President Loth's report, presented the following which was ordered to lie over for future action.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Your committee to whom was referred Paragraph No. 1, of the President's report, touching the expediency of supervision and record of the credentials of ministers and the recommendation not to engage any persons who may not have complied with regulations to this effect, beg leave to report that after careful consideration they have come to the conclusion that any such action by this convention is not expedient.

LEWIS ABRAHAM.
AARON J. MESSING,
SOLOMON LEVI,
A. SAKS,
A. BINSWANGER.

Committee.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12, 1876.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, proposed the following, which was referred to the Committee on General Business:

Resolved, That this Council appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be, to draw up, circulate, obtain signatures to, and have pre-

sented in proper form to the Legislatures of the various States, a petition *asking the enactment of laws, where such exist not, enabling the Israelite to keep and observe the Sabbath, according to the dictates of his conscience, and exempting him who so keeps the Sabbath, from such Sunday laws and regulations, which may interfere with his legitimate business.*

Rev. M. Samfield proposed the following, which was on motion referred to the Committee on General Business :

WHEREAS, It is one of the greatest aims and objects of this Union of Hebrew Congregations now in session in Washington City, to encourage and to sympathize with any movement, with any organization or association which promotes religious liberty, and endeavors to uphold the great principle of equality as expressed in the constitution of this great Republic; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Convention tenders its sincerest expressions of sympathy and gratification to the "Congress of Liberals" for their noble and energetic efforts in their convention just held in Philadelphia, to secularize the State completely and to protest against all such laws of State or States, which are calculated to endanger the bulwarks of perfect freedom and justice.

Be it resolved, That the President of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations appoint a Committee to draft suitable resolutions and the same be transmitted to the Secretary of the "Congress of Liberals."

Mr. Josiah Cohen proposed the following, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations" heartily indorses and approves of the efforts made by the American Jewish Publication Society in bringing to the light of our own vernacular the treasures of our Hebrew literature, and recommends its object and purpose as worthy the support of this Union, and deserving the recognition of each of its individual members, and that we regard it as one of the most powerful auxiliaries toward the accomplishment of the aims and objects of this Association.

Mr. Josiah Cohen proposed the following :

WHEREAS, The Board of Delegates of American Israelites at their last session appointed a committee to collect statistics concerning the American Israelites; and whereas it is eminently fitting that a record of our people should be compiled for future reference; therefore be it

Resolved, That the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations" offer their co-operation to the Board of Delegates, and that the President of this Convention appoint a Committee of three from this Union for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this resolution.

Rev. Dr. Wise offered an amendment "that the Committee report to the Executive Board and the report be embodied in the next year's report of the U. A. H. C." The resolution as amended was adopted, and Messrs. Lipman Levy, Jacob Furth and Henry Strause were appointed as the Committee.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Committee on Finance begs leave to report that we have examined the books of the Secretary and Treasurer, and have found the same correct in every particular.

Of the total assets of \$69,200.53, as shown by the Secretary's report, the sum of \$35,255 is in subscriptions, the early and speedy collection of which we urge upon the incoming Executive Board, and request that the delegates assist in their respective localities toward carrying this into effect.

The Board of Governors has expended \$3104.78, of which \$2260.16 were for Indigent Students, 9 in number. The appropriation last year by the Council was \$1500; the amount collected by Donations for the Indigent Fund was 661.13; and the balance of \$943.64 was drawn from the General Fund. We find upon inquiry from the Board of Governors that the expense of each indigent scholar is \$400 per annum, exclusive of the use of College. We find the management by the Board of Governors has been judicious and economical, the amount paid to one teacher being \$700, and Rev. Dr. Wise has given his valuable services as Principal of the College gratuitously, for which the thanks of this Council are due to the Rev. Doctor. The Treasurer has credited the General Fund with \$120 as interest at six per cent. per annum for balance kept in bank, which is considered by this committee as commendable. The amount of appropriation for the ensuing year, for indigent scholars, should be increased to \$3500. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SIMON HEAVENRICH,
LAZARUS SILVERMAN,
J. L. BLOUT,
EM. WERTHEIMER,
HENRY ADLER, of Cincinnati,
Committee.

The Committee on "Ladies' Seminary" presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your committee appointed to consider and act upon the suggestion contained in the report of M. Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board, pertaining to the formation of a Ladies' Hebrew Seminary, respectfully beg leave to report:

That we recognize the public school system of these United States as the bulwark of American liberty, and that we deprecate any attempt to introduce sectarianism in any form in the management of these schools; we fondly hope that the light that burns in the temple of popular education may never be extinguished. But we consider that after our daughters have graduated in the public schools that their higher education should be provided for by Jewish female seminaries.

This subject is worthy of the earnest consideration and active participation of all Israelites, and is one of the greatest wants of our age. There can be no plausible reason why the Jewish Church should stand alone among all other denominations without a seminary devoted to the higher education of its daughters.

Your committee, however, while recognizing this as among the most prominent of suggestions contained in the President's Report, are of opinion that the subject can not presently receive that attention from this Union to which it is entitled, nor until the College is firmly and absolutely established and provided for, and that so far as this Union is concerned, it can not presently do more than to express its high appreciation of the necessity of the formation of a Hebrew Female Seminary, wherein the daughters of Israel shall receive their higher secular education, gilded with the sublime principles and entwined with the noble teachings of the Jewish faith.

We entertain the fond hope that the day is not far distant when our daughters shall no longer be compelled to seek their higher education in institutions where sectarianism foreign to their own creed is the channel through which such education is imparted.

We know of no more practical method of attaining the end desired than the one designated by Mr. Loth, and heartily submit it to the careful consideration of the women of Israel.

JOSIAH COHEN,
REV. DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
M. HOFFHEIMER,
REV. DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
B. GUSDORF, *Committee.*

The following preamble and resolution offered by Mr. M. Loth were on motion ordered to lie on the table:

WHEREAS, There is a large application of indigent students to enter the Hebrew Union College; and whereas, it is desirable to give to as many as possible the benefit of a Hebrew and classical education; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College is hereby instructed to give to the indigent students, during the ensuing year only, board, lodging and linen free, but no clothing: they may, however, furnish clothing to those students who were the proteges of the orphan asylums after the Board has ascertained that

the relatives of said orphans are unable to furnish them clothing during the period of their collegiate course.

The following resolutions, offered by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, were on motion referred to the Committee on General Business:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and is hereby authorized to appoint responsible and competent agents to solicit subscriptions for the Hebrew Union College and all other objects and institutions of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and is hereby authorized to enter upon and contract with such agent or agents on the system of percentage on the collections made.

Resolved, That such agent or agents shall receive no money, but all moneys collected shall be deposited, subject to the order of the President of the Executive Board, with such person or institution as the donors shall prefer.

The Committee on Hebrew Union College presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on the Hebrew Union College begs leave to report that we indorse the reports of the Board of Governors and of the President of the Hebrew Union College. We respectfully recommend that in view of the opening of a higher class in the College a preceptor for Grade C be appointed for the ensuing year.

We recommend that the study of the German language be made compulsory, and that the President of the College be requested to make provision for such studies.

We heartily recommend the adoption of that part of the report of the Board of Governors which proposes to rent a suitable building where the students may be provided with board and lodging under the control of the Board, and where the sessions of the College and the meetings of the Board may be held.

We respectfully move that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise for the zealous performance of his duties as President of the Hebrew Union College, and for the gratuitous services which he rendered as Professor of the College.

We further respectfully report that we concur in the resolution of Mr. B. Bettmann and recommend its passage.

We also recommend that this Council appoint at their annual convention three rabbis from different localities to visit Cincinnati to attend at the examination of the students of the College and present a written report to the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
H. ADLER, of Washington,
REV. DR. L. MAYER,
REV. M. SAMFIELD,
S. MANNHEIMER,

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12, 1876.

Committee.

On motion the report was taken up for action *seriatim*, and after being amended by substituting in the last paragraph the words "Hebrew scholars" for the word "rabbis," was adopted.

On motion the Council adjourned until nine o'clock the following morning, for the purpose of participating in an excursion to Mount Vernon, to which the members had been invited by the Israelites of Washington.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 13, 1876.

The Council met at 9 o'clock, A. M., President Wolf in the Chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Letters and telegrams of congratulation were read from Mr. S. Ullman, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. S. Mann, of Cleveland, O.; Mr. Simon Levy, Jr., of Shreveport, La.; Rev. A. Blum, of Galveston, Texas; Rev. Dr. B. Eppstein, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mr. E. Guthman, of Youngstown, Ohio, and Rev. Dr. L. Wintner, of Detroit, Mich.

The following reports from the Committee on General Business were presented and adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Section seven of the President's Report, to direct the attention of parents to the importance of their sons learning a mechanical trade, or pursuing agricultural industries, received our careful consideration, and your Committee is of the unanimous opinion that it would add to the happiness and prosperity of the rising generation if they would learn a mechanical trade thoroughly, or adopt an agricultural occupation as their mode of support.

We have come to these conclusions through our observations that a mercantile career is too hazardous, and promises not as much success as that of a good mechanic or a practical agriculturist.

M. LOTH,
MARX COHEN,
NATH. MOSES,
LEWIS MAYER,
A. E. BLOOM,

Committee.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES.—The resolutions offered by Rev. S. Gerstman can not be acted upon, as they are in conflict with the Constitu-

tion. They can, however, be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council as an amendment of the Constitution.

M. LOTH,
MARX COHEN,
NATHAN MOSES,
LEWIS MAYER,
A. E. BLOOM,
Committee

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Your Committee to whom was referred Recommendation No. 8 of the President's report, namely:

"To empower the Executive Board to adopt such measures as they may deem best to obtain by donations the sum of three hundred thousand dollars, in order to erect the College Building, provide it with a good library and leave an ample amount in the Sinking Fund, so as to induce celebrated professors to accept positions in the Hebrew Union College."

Respectfully recommends that the Executive Board have full power to employ such means as they may deem best in order to obtain speedily, by donation, the money required to make the Hebrew Union College a great success.

M. LOTH,
MARX COHEN,
NATHAN MOSES,
LEWIS MAYER,
A. E. BLOOM,
Committee.

The same Committee also presented the following report, which was adopted. Mr. Nathan Frank, of St. Louis, Mo., being the only one voting in the negative.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Your Committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, in regard to the proposed establishment of the New York Hebrew Seminary, find the same inexpedient for adoption, but respectfully recommend the amendment offered thereto by Mr. Adam A. Kramer for adoption, as it expresses the spirit of the Union, and which ought to animate every Israelite who loves his religion to prosper, and which adds so much to the welfare of its believers. We annex said amendment with this report.

M. LOTH,
MARX COHEN,
NATHAN MOSES,
LEWIS MAYER,
A. E. BLOOM,
Committee.

AMENDMENT OF ADAM A. KRAMER.

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Council assembled, in the city of Washington, renews its earnest prayers to the Israelites of this country to join in the common cause, for the common welfare, and in the name of our sacred religion they are requested to ignore all minor considerations, in order that American Israel may, as one people, under the blessing of God, alike promote and share the happy results of Union and Fraternity.

The same Committee recommended that the following circular be issued to such Congregations in the United States as are not members of the U. A. H. C.

To the officers and members of Congregation.....

GENTLEMEN:—Education is to the children of man what dew and the rays of the sun are to the vegetable kingdom; just as little as vegetation can grow and develop without dew and sunshine, just as difficult it is for man to prosper and secure happiness without an education.

To enlarge the avenues of education and thereby enlarge the usefulness and happiness of man, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was formed, and we request your congregation to join the Union and give it the benefit of your material aid and counsel.

We inclose with this appeal a copy of the Constitution of the Union, and copies of the proceedings of the first, second and third annual Councils. From their pages you will perceive that every congregation remains independent in its internal working, all that is required is that every member of the congregation shall pay one dollar per annum to the common fund and elect delegates to the annual Council, and thus help to maintain the Hebrew Union College and bring also speedily into existence a Young Ladies' Hebrew Seminary, and also all such measures which the combined wisdom of the Council may deem best.

Please do not remain longer isolated, and remember our ancient motto: **כל ישראל אחים** all Israelites are brethren. Extend a helping hand, and be with us not only bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, but also one in spirit.

This appeal has been adopted by the Third Annual Council, signed by its officers and all the members of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, this 13th day of July, 1876, in the City of Washington, D. C.

On motion the subject was referred to the Executive Board.

The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, which was adopted:

WASHINGTON, July 13, 1876.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Recommendations Nos. 3, 4, 5

and 6, of the President's report, beg leave to submit the following on Recommendation No. 3:

"To consider by what manner and means the Sabbath-schools can be improved." First, to urge upon parents the necessity and importance of having their children attend Sabbath-school regularly. Second, to prevail upon young ladies and gentlemen who are capable of so doing, to take part and assist in the instruction of the smaller children in the first rudiments of Hebrew reading, Bible history and first elements of religion. To facilitate which object, suitable textbooks should be provided and adopted by all Congregations of the Union. This would give the regular teachers more time to devote to the higher branches of Hebrew, Biblical history and general religious instruction. Third, the congregations should request their ministers to urge upon their members the importance of inducing their children to attend divine service regularly; if possible participate to some extent in the same, in order that the Hebrew language may become more familiar and take a firmer hold in their minds. Fourth, only competent teachers, who are thorough English scholars, should be employed in Sabbath-schools, to enable them to impart instruction in the vernacular. Your committee hopes that our Hebrew Union College will soon be able to furnish such competent teachers.

On Recommendations 4 and 5:

"What measures are best to adopt for a stricter observance of the Sabbath by every Israelite."

"How to induce every Israelite to join a congregation."

Your committee is of opinion that although a great deal might be said upon this subject, no more practical measure to attain this much desired end can be suggested than to educate the rising generation to a true sense of the importance of keeping the Sabbath as the main pillar upon which Judaism rests, to make our divine service so edifying and attractive, the sermons and lectures so interesting and instructive as to satisfy any and every intelligent demand and thereby induce members and their families to visit their respective places of worship on the Sabbath regularly, and by good example and the moral weight of such elevating influences be brought to a better and a more general observance of the day, and finally become members of congregations.

To this latter object, officers as well as members should direct their special efforts, pointing out to young men and every Israelite in general their paramount duty to join a congregation.

On Recommendation 6:

"To issue a new appeal to every congregation to join the Union, and thus strengthen the house of Israel."

Your committee favors the issue of such an appeal to congregations not yet members of the Union, and beg to suggest further that copies of the proceedings of the Council and reports of the Executive Board be transmitted with such appeal, to demonstrate what

this Union has already accomplished and how much more it would be able to do for the great cause of Israel if all congregations of our glorious country would join the Union in our grand brotherhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. J. FRIEDLANDER,
MARX LIEBSCHUTZ,
N. DRUCKER,
WM. KATZENSTEIN,
JOSEPH GARSON,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. L. Abraham the Committee on Proposition No. 2, of President Loth's report, were instructed to present a report within one hour.

Rev. E. L. Hess offered the following resolution, which was referred to the above committee:

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations issue a circular to the various congregations of this country, who are not able to engage a minister, setting forth that they may at reasonable intervals call upon any minister of a congregation that is a member of this Union in their vicinity, to deliver before them a series of sermons, such minister to be entitled to no other compensation than actual expenses.

Mr. Solomon Levi proposed the following resolution, which was referred to the committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Board of Delegates, with power to act:

WHEREAS, Some of our brethren, at a convention lately held in New York, have resolved to establish a system of Jewish education; and

WHEREAS, Their object is one with which we have the heartiest sympathy.

Now be it resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with the Board of Delegates of American Israelites be also empowered to request the Executive Committee of the said Convention to appoint a committee of three to participate in the proposed conference of committees with a view to such a plan for concerted action as may be suited to the wants of the Israelites of all sections of this country.

Mr. E. Wertheimer proposed the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the addresses delivered and the proceedings had on the occasion of the visit of the Council to Mount Vernon, be incorporated with the proceedings of this Council.

Resolved, That a committee of three, of whom the President of the Council shall be one, be appointed to carry the above resolution into effect.

The Committee consists of Mr. Simon Wolf, Mr. Lewis Abraham and Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.

Mr. Solomon Mossler offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on General Business.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to look into the feasibility of establishing an Agricultural College in some Western State, for the special purpose of introducing agricultural pursuits among the Israelites of this country.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein proposed the following resolution, which the President ruled out of order:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to render a precise definition of the clause at the end of Article II., of our Constitution pertaining to the *interfering with the affairs and management of any congregation*.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein proposed the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is an universally felt desire that the Hebrew instruction given in our Sabbath-school, be sufficiently enlarged so as to enable the respective pupils to enter the lowest grade of the Preparatory Department of our Hebrew Union College; and

WHEREAS, A conformity of instruction in Hebrew would materially facilitate such a commendable consummation; therefore be it

Resolved, That all the Sabbath-schools of the congregations belonging to this Union be requested to adopt such a plan of Hebrew studies and introduce the already recommended Hebrew text-book of Mr. S. Mannheimer, in order to effect the above-stated conformity.

The amendment to Article XII., Section 1, of the Constitution proposed by Mr. Lipman Levy, at the Executive Board meeting on July 11, 1876, was taken up and adopted as proposed.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Josiah Cohen was adopted:

Resolved, That the admirable and impartial manner in which the Hon. Simon Wolf, the Chairman of this Convention, has conducted its deliberations entitles him to our sincere thanks, which are hereby tendered to him in all sincerity.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed by Mr. A. Aub, at the meeting of the Executive Board on June 11, 1876, was taken up, voted on and lost.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Adam A. Kramer, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Council has already fully realized the glorious result of the Union of Israel, by the unity of heart and sentiment manifested in the munificent hospitality of the Israelites of the District of Columbia. The sincere gratitude of this Convention is due

and here acknowledged to the Israelites of the City of Washington and District of Columbia, so nobly aided by the ladies, not only for the intrinsic merit of their attentions and entertainments, but for the hearty sympathy and support given the principles and purposes of the Union.

The memory of their kindness and fraternity will ever be cherished as the harbinger of the final harmonization and unification of American Israel, sealed by the inspiring events witnessed at the sacred tomb of Washington.

The delegates, in taking leave, further tender to the press of the city of Washington, the proprietors of Willard's Hotel and Hall, and to the President and officers of this Convention, their grateful acknowledgement for the courtesies and services so generously and ably extended.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Adam A. Kramer, was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed by the Chair, to be styled the Committee on College Buildings and Grounds, whose duty it shall be during the ensuing year to receive propositions for the purchase or erection of the permanent College buildings, and for the purchase of the grounds therefor, and report to the next Council, it being understood, however, that this Committee is in no-wise to make any contract or engagements of any kind, and its province only is to examine into, and report upon the questions thus submitted.

The President appointed the following as the Committee: Messrs. A. A. Kramer, M. Loth, Julius Freiberg, B. Bettmann and Jacob Ezekiel.

On motion the following were appointed a committee to nominate candidates for members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors: Messrs. M. Liebschutz, Solomon Mossler, Henry Marks, Rev. Dr. M. Spitz and Mr. M. Bettmann.

Mr. A. A. Kramer gave notice of an amendment for the Council to meet bi-ennially hereafter.

The committee appointed to nominate candidates for members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors, presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The undersigned, your Committee, appointed for that purpose, beg leave to nominate the following candidates for the respective positions named:

FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Moritz Loth,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Julius Freiberg,	" "
Solomon Levi,	" "
Emanuel Wertheimer,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
August Binswanger,	St. Louis, Mo.
Simon Heavenrich,	Detroit, Mich.
Lewis N. Dembitz,	Louisville, Ky.
Sigmund Mann,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Aaron Kahn,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Adam A. Kramer,	" "

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,

To hold Office for Three Years.

Jacob Ezekiel,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
A. J. Friedlander,	" "
Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburgh, Pa.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

To hold Office for One Year.

Adam A. Kramer,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Bernhard Bettmann,	" "
Solomon Levi,	" "

Respectfully submitted,

MARX LEIBSCHUTZ,
SOL. MOSSLER,
M. BETTMANN,
HENRY MARKS,

Committee.

On motion the report was received and adopted, and the President being so instructed, cast the ballot of the Council for the several candidates, and thereupon declared them duly elected.

The Committee on General Business presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the U. A. H. C.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, beg to report that they do not deem them expedient for adoption.

M. LOTH,
NATHAN MOSES,
LEW MAYER,

Committee.

The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES.—Your Committee on President's Recommendation No. 2, after reconsideration, respectfully recommend that in order to carry into effect suggestion No. 2, of the President's report, that a permanent committee, representing the various sections of the country, appointed by the President, be called into existence who shall devise ways and means to supply smaller congregations occasionally with a minister, and confer with the Executive Board of the Union, who shall have the power to carry into effect the measures proposed by the Committee.

The propositions and resolutions of Mr. Lewis Abraham and Rev. E. L. Hess, according to the opinion of the Committee, are special in their character and refer to details, which should be left to the Committee, the organization of which is recommended in this report. We would, however, recommend that these resolutions be handed over to such Committee for their consideration. Respectfully submitted.

MAX SAMFIELD,
S. GERSTMAN,
CHARLES HERZBERG,
HENRY GERSONI,

Committee.

The President appointed the following as the Committee: Mr. B. Bettmann, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. H. Adler, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. A. Kramer, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. Lewis Abraham, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Nathan Frank, of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. A. E. Bloom, of Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Jacob Ezekiel, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. S. Mannheimer, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Mr. B. Singer, of St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. A. A. Kramer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to confer with the Board of Delegates and New York Conference, report their progress and proceedings to the Executive Board.

The following resolution offered by Messrs. Herzberg and Boyer was referred to the Executive Board:

Resolved, That the delegates of the Union here assembled, recommend to their various congregations the propriety of contributing toward the early completion of the Washington Monument at the Capital of the Nation.

Mr. A. A. Kramer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Council be held in the City of Philadelphia on the second Tuesday in July, 1877.

On motion the President appointed a Committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, Rev. L. Stern, and Messrs. B. Bettmann, A. J. Friedlander, and Solomon Levi to report the names of three examiners as provided for in the report of the Committee on Hebrew Union College. The Committee reported the names of Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, Rev. Dr. L. Meyer, and Mr. L. N. Dembitz, who were then duly elected.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were then read and approved.

The proceedings were closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, whereupon, on motion, the President declared the Third Council adjourned *sine die*.



SIMON WOLF, *President*.

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary*.

MOSES SCHWARZ, *Ass't. Sec'y*.

APPENDIX.

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1876.

a. Not reported.

NUMBER.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	STATE.	MINISTER.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Abayath Achim	Cincinnati	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. J. S. Geldammer	Moses Kahn	J. H. Steinberg
2	Bnai Israel	Cincinnati	Ind.	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise	Louis Roser	A. Loewenthal
3	Bnai Yeshurun	Cincinnati	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise	Moritz Loth	Frederick Rauh
4	Bnai Shalom	Quincy	Ills.	Rev. Isaac Moses	Isaac Lesem	Dr. L. H. Cohen
5	Bene Yeshurun	Dayton	Ohio.	Rev. E. Fisher	Jos. Lehenberger	Lewis Stern
6	Ohey Zedukah	Springfield	Ohio.	Rev. David Grenebaum.	Leon Adler	M. Kaufman
7	Sherith Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio.	Rev. Samuel Epstein.	B. Benjamin	Moses Bing, Jr.
8	Rodef Sholem	Youngstown.	Ohio.	Rev. L. Liebman	Julius Freiberg	B. Hirschberg
9	Bene Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. M. Lillenthal	G. H. Judah	A. Abraham
10	Children of Israel	Memphis	Tenn.	Rev. M. Samfield	S. Ullman	Samuel Hirsch
11	Adas Israel	Louisville.	Ky.	Rev. Dr. L. Kleeberg	S. Ullman	H. Harris
12	Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis.	Ind.	Rev. Dr. L. Kleeberg	Solomon Mossler	A. Lang
13	Beth El.	Detroit.	Mich.	Rev. M. Messing	Martin Butzel	M. C. Fecheimer
14	Beth Israel.	Louisville	Ky.	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner	Adolph Woolher	A. Seinhart
15	Beth El Emeth.	Camden.	Ark.	Rev. Jacob Phillips.	Solomon Block	S. H. Newhouse
16	Bnai Israel	Little Rock	Ark.	none	Samuel Cohn	M. A. Cohn
17	Bnai Israel	Natchez.	Miss.	Rev. Jacob Bloch	Samuel Ullman	A. Wampold
18	Adath Israel	Owensboro	Ky.	none	M. Sunthimer	Jos. Rothschild, Jr.
19	Gemilas Chasodim	Alexandria	La.	Marx Klein	E. Weil	Salomon Mayer
20	Tifereth Israel	Cleveland	Ohio.	Rev. Dr. A. Hahn	J. Robrheimer	Gerson Strauss
21	Ohaviah Shalom	Nashville	Tenn.	Rev. Dr. A. Hahn	Jacob Bloomstein	M. Feldman
22	Anshe Emeth.	Piqua	Ohio.	Rev. A. Wendel.	Louis Hebel	Henry Fleish
23	Bnai Israel	Columbus	Ohio.	Rev. F. L. Hess	Jos. Gundersheimer	I. M. Schlesinger
24	Bene Israel	Keokuk	Iowa.	Rev. Ferdinand Becker	Maier Speisberger	Henry Weil
25	Bene Israel	St. Joseph.	Mo.	Rev. M. Strauss	Jacob Jelenko	Jonas Freundlich
26	Adath Joseph.	St. Joseph.	Mo.	Rev. S. Gerstman	David Siegel	Isaac Spanier
27	Beth Elohim.	Charleston	S. C.	Rev. David Levi	Philip Wineman	Nathaniel Levin
28	Rodef Sholem	Wabash	Ind.	none	L. Heyman	J. Staudecker
29	Keneseth Israel	Zanesville	Ohio.	none	Jos. Cahn ^a	L. Steinfeld
30	Bnai Jehudah	Kansas City	Mo.	none	Jos. Cahn	M. A. Isaacs
31	Anshe Chesed	La Crosse	Wisc.	Rev. A. Palz	S. Newman	Joseph Gutman

34	Meadville Hebrew Society	Meadville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	M. Ohlman	M. H. Reeder
35	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Henry Ullman	L. Loewenthal
36	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	J. Bernstein	Samuel Tellerbaum
37	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	M. M. Gerstley	Ben. W. Elendath
38	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	William Jacob	Edward Phillips
39	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Isaac Jacob	Joe Hirsch
40	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	William Tellerbaum	Lewis M. Doctor
41	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	M. Riegelman	
42	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Isaac Brown	S. Lowenbaum
43	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	L. Newman	L. Hirsch
44	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Simon Levy, Jr.	Joseph Hecht
45	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Henry Brock	El Blum
46	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Emanuel Wertheimer	Louis M. Brock
47	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Isaac Baer	Josiah Cohen
48	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	S. N. Ullman	L. Wolfner
49	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Samuel Levy	Albert Wiler
50	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Marx Frank	M. P. Strauss
51	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	S. J. Eichelstein	M. Schloss
52	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	N. New	Philip Myerson
53	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	David Lillienfeld	S. M. Goldsmith
54	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	David Adler	M. Cramer
55	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	S. Hurwitz	B. Oppenheimer
56	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	S. Nathan	H. M. Oberlander
57	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Solomon Lion	Simon Ezekiel
58	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Henry Strause	Henry S. Levy
59	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Morris Cohen	D. Dreyfuss
60	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Henry Adler	B. Simon
61	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Marx Cohen	N. L. Holstein
62	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	E. Samuel	Adolph Adler
63	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Moses Milhlner	J. Weinberg
64	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Joseph Meyer	F. Heurt
65	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	M. Kopperl	Moses Hutler
66	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	John Reichman	Adolph Jacobson
67	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	G. Meyer	I. Lovenberg
68	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	H. Rosenstrauss	J. M. Raphael
69	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	D. Arent	Morris Aitschuel
70	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	L. Heft	Isaac Rosenbaum
71	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Isaac Ullman	Louis Haffin
72	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Jacob Ullman	J. Bachrach
73	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	I. Ehrman	Nathan Heft
74	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	S. Littauer	Louis Weinberg
75	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Samuel Woolner	D. W. Robinson
76	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	A. Kramer	M. Sander
77	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Rev. Emanuel Oppenheimer	J. Breckler
78	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none	Rev. Sophar	Philip Elfer
79	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none		I. Koperlick
80	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none		Moses Hirschler
81	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none		H. Loeb
82	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none		
83	Asheville Emeth	Asheville	Pa..	Rev. F. Shauer	none		

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1876.

a. Not reported.

NUMBER.	NAME OF CONGREGATION.	WHERE LOCATED.	STATE.	WHEN ORGANIZED.	Number of Contribu- ting Members.	Estimated value of Real Estate, exclusive of Burial Grounds.	Expenses for past Year—Erection of Buildings not included.	Number of Children attending Sabbath School.
1	Abavath Achim	Cincinnati	Ohio	1849	46	\$ 20000 00	\$ 3400 00	70
2	Benai Israel	Evansville	Indiana	1857	77	40000 00	3342 10	125
3	Bnai Jeshurun	Cincinnati	Ohio	1841	240	275000 00	18000 00	200
4	Bnai Shalom	Quincy	Illinois	1864	34	25000 00	3367 10	65
5	Bene Jeshurun	Dayton	Ohio	1851	30	20000 00	2500 00	15
6	Onay Zedukah	Springfield	Ohio	1867	18	none	925 00	4
7	Sherith Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio	1858	23	10000 00	3100 00	120
8	Rodel Sholem	Youngstown	Ohio	1867	185	none	a	125
9	Beth Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio	1853	185	15000 00	13000 00	150
10	Children of Israel	Memphis	Tennessee	1852	101	20000 00	13000 00	110
11	Adath Israel	Louisville	Kentucky	1847	106	15000 00	13000 00	200
12	Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis	Indiana	1856	75	25000 00	1000 00	60
13	Beth El	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	1856	26	25000 00	4850 00	100
14	Beth Israel	Louisville	Kentucky	1855	50	8500 00	1300 00	65
15	Beth El Ezech	Cincinnati	Ohio	1870	17	5000 00	250 00	80
16	Beth Israel	Little Rock	Arkansas	1863	61	11000 00	2200 00	36
17	Bnai Israel	Natchez	Mississippi	1843	29	7000 00	2700 00	a
18	Adath Israel	Owensboro	Kentucky	1841	41	6000 00	1000 00	30
19	Gentiles Chasodim	Alexandria	Louisiana	1853	80	15000 00	4000 00	62
20	Tifereth Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio	1850	40	20000 00	a	none
21	Ohavia Sholem	Nashville	Tennessee	1854	12	none	150 00	30
22	Anshe Emet	Piquette	Ohio	1853	45	18000 00	2867 58	65
23	Bnai Israel	Columbus	Ohio	1868	25	15000 00	1400 00	23
24	Bene Israel	Keokuk	Iowa	1863	14	1500 00	1050 00	9
25	Adath Israel	St Joseph	Missouri	1873	42	5000 00	2500 00	58
26	Beth Israel	Charleston	S. Carolina	1857	60	4000 00	5275 05	105
27	Beth Elohim	Wabash	Indiana	1850	19	none	125 00	none
28	Rodel Sholem	Zanesville	Ohio	1873	30	a	a	a
29	Keneseth Israel	Kansas City	Missouri	1871	30	6000 00	2000 00	25
30	Bnai Jehudah	La Crosse	Wisconsin	1870	18	1500 00	250 00	32
31	Anshe Chesed			1857				

34	Meadville Hebrew Society	Penn	1846	18	none	1-25 00
35	Anshel Emeth	Illinois	1853	24	none	2000 00
36	Bnai Israel	Indiana	1867	14	none	2000 00
37	Anshe Mayriv	Illinois	1847	120	none	12750 00
38	Bnai Israel	Louisiana	1871	22	none	2100 00
39	Hebrew Benevolent	Georgia	1846	40	none	1500 00
40	Bnai Yeshurun	Iowa	1873	23	none	700 00
41	Or Zion	Indiana	1874	a	none	2000 00
42	Emanuel	Michigan	1872	30	none	4250 00
43	Anshe Chesed	Mississippi	1841	50	none	1750 00
44	Bnai Israel	Georgia	1859	40	none	3000 00
45	Hebrew Zion	Louisiana	1866	30	none	2000 00
46	Temple Beth Zion	New York	1864	77	none	7530 88
47	Rodef Sholem	Penn	1857	85	none	25000 00
48	Bnai El	Missouri	1853	110	none	5000 00
49	Avayav Achim	Indiana	1812	32	none	1600 00
50	Bnai Israel	Ohio	1867	14	none	600 00
51	Penc Abraham	Ohio	1858	16	none	1200 00
52	Achdus Vesholom	Indiana	1848	52	none	2410 00
53	Anshe Chesed	Ohio	1839	100	none	4500 00
54	Bnai Israel	Michigan	1865	a	none	2521 00
55	Beth El	Texas	1874	a	none	750 00
56	Emanuel	Wisconsin	1869	74	none	5500 00
57	House of Israel	Mississippi	1873	35	none	1650 00
58	L'shem Shomaim	Penn	1841	75	none	6000 00
59	Gamilius Chasodim	W. Virginia	a	a	none	a
60	Mount Sinai	Mississippi	1871	31	none	43 65
61	Anshe Chesed	D. C	1860	19	none	2000 00
62	Akron Hebrew Association	Penn.	1865	34	none	800 00
63	Washington Hebrew	Ohio	1855	24	none	3500 00
64	Rodef Sholem	D. C	1838	64	none	900 00
65	Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent	Virginia	1864	22	none	100 00
66	Beth Ahaba	Tenn	1840	11	none	4000 00
67	Mishkan Israel	Virginia	1870	48	none	175 00
68	Bnai Israel	Alabama	1868	34	none	1400 00
69	Beth Israel	Texas	1859	70	none	4000 00
70	Anshe Emeth	Texas	1859	48	none	2500 00
71	Etz Raanon	Ark	1865	50	none	2000 00
72	Victoria Hebrew Benev't Soc.	N. Y.	1870	27	none	1306 45
73	Hebrew Benevolent Assoc'n	Texas	1872	22	none	230 44
74	Bnai Sholom	Louisiana	1874	21	none	a
75	Progress Association	Illinois	1852	70	none	4200 00
76	Beth El	Penn	1870	21	none	400 00
77	Beth Zion	Ark	1875	25	none	1200 00
78	Anshe Chesed	Mich.	1870	28	none	a
79	Beth Israel	Illinois	1874	24	none	a
80	Shaar Emeth	Mo	1874	30	none	800 00
81	Ohel Zedeck	Penn	1869	200	none	12000 00
82	Bickur Cholim	Louisiana	1849	40	none	1700 00
83				32	none	400 00

Summary of Reports from 81 Congregations.

75	Congregations have 3,776 contributing members.	
6	“ have not reported.	
55	Congregations own real estate (exclusive of burial grounds) valued at \$1,480,500 00.	
22	“ have no real estate except burial grounds.	
4	“ have not reported.	
69	Congregations had expenses during the past year (erection of buildings not included) amounting to	\$218,474 25
12	“ have not reported.	
63	Congregations have 4059 children attending Sabbath-schools.	
14	“ have no Sabbath-schools.	
4	“ have not reported.	
58	Congregations have ministers.	
23	“ have no ministers.	

THE MOUNT VERNON CEREMONIES.

On Wednesday, July 12, 1876, the delegates to the Third Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with their families, were invited, as the guests of the Jewish ladies and gentlemen of Washington City and Georgetown, to visit Mount Vernon and

THE TOMB OF WASHINGTON.

“There rests the man, the flower of human kind,
 Whose visage mild bespoke his nobler mind;
 There rests the soldier, who his sword ne’er drew
 But in a righteous cause, to freedom true;
 There rests the hero, who ne’er fought for fame,
 Yet gained more glory than a Caesar’s name;
 There rests the statesman, who devoid of art
 Gave soundest counsels from an upright heart.
 And, O Columbia! by thy sons caress’d,
 There rests the father of the realms he bless’d
 With no wish felt to make his mighty praise,
 Like other chiefs, the means himself to raise;
 But when retiring, breathed in pure renown
 And felt a grandeur that disdained a crown.”

At four o’clock P. M., the invited guests, escorted by the Committee of Arrangements, left Willard’s Hotel and started for the steamer Arrow, Captain Frank Hollingshead. On arrival at the boat a large number of Jewish families greeted and welcomed the visitors, and a flag, made by Miss Clara Abraham, was hoisted in compliment of the occasion, this flag displayed in Hebrew letters,

שלום עליכם

On approaching the landing place at Mount Vernon, the usual respect of tolling the bell and the solemn music of the band notified the passengers that they had reached the place of their mission. As soon as the wharf was reached they disembarked, and preceded by the music playing a funeral march, moved in slow procession toward the last resting place of the father of his country. On arriving at the place of sepulcher all the gentlemen uncovered their heads, and the cavalcade slowly moved past the vault, gazing with reverence at the marble coffin of the illustrious dead. Captain Hollingsworth, the

officer in charge of the grounds, then addressed the assembly, and explained the manner in which the home of Washington was now held by a Board of Regents whose intention is to retain the grounds and house in the same condition as it was during the life time of its beloved owner. The audience silently and reverently inspected the vault and the sarcophagus.

“Nature hath marked the spot,
Where sleeps the great, the good, the wise,
Entombed, but ne’er to be forgot.
Ah! there the hero lies,
The man of mighty deeds and high empire.”

The assemblage then again formed in procession and to the strains of solemn music proceeded to the group of buildings that formed the residence proper of the first President of the Republic.

“How oft with placid eye
Has he, whose spirit awes us still,
Stood where we stand and viewed the sky,
The river, vale, and hill,
And heard the forest bird its anthem trill.”

Arriving at the portico of the dwelling the following address was delivered by Lewis Abraham, Esq.:

“MY FRIENDS, BRETHREN AND FELLOW-CITIZENS:—The time, the place, and the occasion, alike propitiously invite us to pause at this, the Mecca of American liberty, and to draw inspiration from hallowed memories. The history of the nation’s first century will soon have passed down the vista of time to be seen but as a shining light to illuminate coming generations. In the city where the Independence of this favored land was ushered into life, where master minds with marvellous wisdom crystalized the grand ideas that gave a new nation of liberty to the families of the earth, a solemn and a glorious pageant marks on the tablets of time the close of a cycle of freedom and progress. Science lends its aid in gleeful salutation. Art adds its harmonies. The mystic current in subtle sparks whispers congratulations through trembling cables. The craftsmen of the earth with ponderous engines and agile looms offer up their testimony. The miner wrests from the earth’s womb his tribute, and the furnace opens its burning jaws, all aglow with enthusiasm and fashions it into trophies.

"The farmer waves the golden-tasselled grain. From the chemist's laboratory, from the merchant's store-house, from woman's ingenuity and skill, monuments tower upon monuments, attesting a grateful people's sympathy and a world's applause. These are, however, but the symbols, the evidences, and the offerings of a nation's material prosperity.

"Naturally the thoughtful mind reflects too upon the triumphs attending the practical enforcement of those great theories that, so far as possible for human acts to direct, have shaped the destinies of our common country, and with reverence almost akin to awe we approach this spot, "in every land, in every clime adored." We think of him who in time of war was first in assuaging his country's throes; of him who in time of peace was first in sympathy with its prosperity, and who always was, and always will be, *first* in the hearts of his countrymen. Here, near his final earthly resting place, then, is it fitting that the nation celebrating its first century should be greeted by the descendants of a people of FIFTY centuries' history. Here, then, with the lessons of fifty centuries—here, then, with traditions that are the study and the wonder of civilization—here, in a land where the great code of Sinai binds a people in bonds of love and justice, we join our fellow-citizens of all denominations in rejoicing in the jubilee of the Republic, and in earnestly hoping that its future may be glorious and prosperous; its people happy, honored and virtuous; its laws humane and just; and that the public servants that may be chosen may be wise, prudent, and faithful to the duties intrusted to them by their sovereigns, the American people. God bless them!"

Mr. Abraham then read from the United States *Gazette* of 1790 as follows:

The address from the Hebrew Congregation of the city of Savannah, Georgia, which was presented to Washington, the first President of the United States, by Mr. Jackson, one of the Representatives from Georgia.

SIR:—We have long been anxious of congratulating you on your appointment, by unanimous approbation, to the presidential dignity of this country and of testifying our unbounded confidence in your integrity and unblemished virtue. Yet however exalted the station you now fill, it is still not equal to the merit of your heroic services through an arduous and dangerous conflict which has embosomed you in the hearts of her citizens.

Our eccentric situation, added to a diffidence founded on the most profound respect, has thus long prevented our address, yet the delay has realized anticipation, given us an opportunity of presenting our grateful acknowledgments for the benediction of heaven through the magnanimity of federal influence and the equity of your administration. Your unexampled liberality and extensive philanthropy have dispelled that cloud of bigotry and superstition which has long as a veil shaded religion—unrivetted the fetters of enthusiasm—enfranchised us with all the privileges and immunities of free citizens, and initiated us into the grand mass of legislative mechanism. By example, you have taught us to endure the ravages of war with manly fortitude, and to enjoy the blessings of peace with reverence to the Deity and benignity and love to our fellow-creatures.

May the Great Author of the world grant you all happiness—an uninterrupted series of health—addition of years to the number of your days, and a continuance of guardianship to that freedom which under auspices of heaven your magnanimity and wisdom have given these States.

LEVI SHEFTAL, *President*,

In behalf the Hebrew Congregations.

To which the President was pleased to return the following

ANSWER:

To the Hebrew Congregations of the City of Savannah, Ga.:

GENTLEMEN:—I thank you with great sincerity for your congratulations on my appointment to the office which I have the honor to hold by the unanimous choice of my fellow-citizens, and especially the expressions you are pleased to use in testifying the confidence that is reposed in me by your congregations.

As the delay which has naturally intervened between my election and your address has afforded me an opportunity for appreciating the merits of the Federal Government and for communicating your sentiments of its administration. I have rather to express my satisfaction rather than regret at a circumstance which demonstrates (upon experiment) your attachment to the former as well as approbation of the latter.

I rejoice that a spirit of liberality and philanthropy is much more prevalent than it formerly was among the enlightened nations of the earth, and that your brethren will benefit thereby in proportion as it

shall become still more extensive; happily the people of the United States have in many instances exhibited examples worthy of imitation, the salutary influence of which will doubtless extend much farther if gratefully enjoying those blessings of peace which (under the favor of heaven) have been attained by fortitude in war, they shall conduct themselves with reverence to the Deity and charity toward their fellow-creatures.

May the same wonder-working Deity, who long since delivered the Hebrews from their Egyptian oppressors, planted them in a promised land, whose providential agency has lately been conspicuous in establishing these United States as an independent nation, still continue to water them with the dews of heaven and make the inhabitants of every denomination participate in the temporal and spiritual blessings of that people whose God is Jehovah. G. WASHINGTON.

Then followed the reading of the

ADDRESS OF THE NEWPORT CONGREGATION

— TO THE —

President of the United States of America.

SIR:—Permit the children of the stock of Abraham to approach you with the most cordial affection and esteem for your person and merit, and to join with our fellow-citizens in welcoming you to Newport.

With pleasure we reflect on those days of difficulty and danger when the God of Israel, who delivered David from the peril of the sword, shielded your head in the day of battle; and we rejoice to think that the same spirit which rested in the bosom of the greatly beloved Daniel, enabling him to preside over the provinces of the Babylonian Empire, rests and ever will rest upon you, enabling you to discharge the arduous duties of the *Chief Magistrate of these States*.

Deprived as we hitherto have been of the invaluable rights of free citizens, we now—with a deep sense of gratitude to the Almighty Disposer of all events—behold a government erected by the MAJESTY OF THE PEOPLE; a government which to bigotry gives no sanction, to persecution no assistance, but generously affording to ALL liberty of conscience, and immunities of citizenship, deeming every one of whatever nation, tongue or language equal parts of the great governmental machine. This, so ample and extensive Federal Union, whose

base is philanthropy, mutual confidence and public virtue, we can not but acknowledge to be the work of the great God who rules in the armies of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth, doing whatever seemeth to Him good.

For all the blessings of civil and religious liberty which we enjoy under an equal and benign administration we desire to send up our thanks to the Ancient of days, the great Preserver of men, beseeching Him that the angel who conducted our forefathers through the wilderness into the promised land may graciously conduct you through all the difficulties and dangers of this mortal life—and when, like Joshua, full of days and full of honors, you are gathered to your fathers, may you be admitted into the heavenly paradise to partake of the water of life and the tree of immortality.

Done and signed by order of the Hebrew Congregations in Newport, Rhode Island.

MOSES SEIXAS, *Warden.*

NEWPORT, August 17, 1790.

WASHINGTON'S REPLY

To the Hebrew Congregations in Newport, Rhode Island!

GENTLEMEN:—While I received with much satisfaction your address replete with expressions of esteem, I rejoice in the opportunity of assuring you that I shall always retain grateful remembrance of the cordial welcome I experienced on my visit to Newport from all classes of citizens. The reflection on the days of difficulty and danger, which are past, is rendered the more sweet from a consciousness that they are succeeded by days of uncommon prosperity and security.

If we have wisdom to make the best use of the advantages with which we are now favored, we can not fail, under the just administration of a good government, to become a great and happy people.

The citizens of the United States of America have a right to applaud themselves for having given to mankind examples of an enlarged and liberal policy, a policy worthy of imitation. All possess alike liberty of conscience and immunities of citizenship.

It is now no more that toleration is spoken of as if it were by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights, for, happily, the Government of the United States, which gives to bigotry no faction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection should demean themselves as good citizens in giving it on all occasions their effectual support.

It would be inconsistent with the frankness of my character not to avow that I am pleased with your favorable opinion of my administration and fervent wishes for my felicity.

May the children of the stock of Abraham, who dwell in this land, continue to merit and enjoy the good will of the other inhabitants—while every one shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree, and there shall be none to make him afraid.

May the Father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths and make us all in our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

G. WASHINGTON.

Then followed the reading of "The address of the Hebrew Congregations in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and Richmond to the President of the United States."

SIR:—It is reserved for you to unite in affection for your character and person every political and religious denomination of men: and in this will the Hebrew congregations aforesaid yield to no class of their fellow-citizens.

We have hitherto been prevented by various circumstances peculiar to our situation, from adding our congratulation to those which the rest of America have offered on your elevation to the chair of the Federal Government. Deign, then, illustrious Sir, to accept this our homage.

The wonders which the Lord of Hosts had worked in the days of our forefathers, have been taught us to observe the greatness of His wisdom, and His might throughout the events of the late glorious revolution; and while we humble ourselves at His footstool in thanksgiving and praise for the blessing of His deliverance, we acknowledge you, the leader of American armies, as His chosen and beloved servant. But not to your sword alone is present happiness to be ascribed; that, indeed, opened the way to the reign of freedom; but never was perfectly secure until your hand gave birth to the Federal Constitution and you renounced the joys of retirement to seal by your administration in peace what you had achieved in war.

To the eternal God, who is thy refuge, we commit in our prayers the care of thy precious life; and when, full of years, thou shalt be gathered unto thy people, thy righteousness shall go before thee, and

we shall remember, amidst our regret, "that the Lord hath set apart the godly for himself," whilst thy name and thy virtues will remain an indelible memorial on our minds.

MANUEL JOSEPHSON,

For and in behalf and under the authority
of the several congregations aforesaid.

PHILADELPHIA, December 13, 1790.

To which the President was pleased to return the following

ANSWER.

To the Hebrew Congregations in the cities of Philadelphia, New York, Charleston, and Richmond!

GENTLEMEN: — The liberality of sentiment toward each other, which marks every political and religious denomination of men in this country, stands unparalleled in the history of nations.

The affection of such a people is a treasure beyond the reach of calculation and the repeated proofs which my fellow-citizens have given of their attachment to me and approbation of my doings, form the purest source of my temporal felicity. The affectionate expressions of your address again excite my gratitude and receive my warmest acknowledgement.

The power and goodness of the Almighty, so strongly manifested in the events of our late glorious revolution, and His kind interposition in our behalf, have been no less visible in the establishment of our present equal government. In war He directed the sword, and in peace He has ruled in our councils. My agency in both has been guided by the best intentions and a sense of duty I owe to my country.

And as my exertions have hitherto been amply rewarded by the approbation of my fellow-citizens, I shall endeavor to deserve a continuance of it by my future conduct.

May the same temporal and eternal blessings which you implore for me, rest upon your congregations.

G. WASHINGTON.

These reminiscences of history were listened to with profound attention, and Simon Wolf, Esq., announced that the addresses and replies thereto, that had just been read, had been translated into Hebrew,

and had been sent to Europe and Asia nearly a century ago, where they had been received with reverence and gratitude. A dirge having been then played, the Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal spoke as follows:

BRETHREN:—It is an old Hebrew custom to visit the graves of illustrious dead, there to revive the sentiments of love and gratitude we owe to their memory, to take courage in the battle of life from the noble example they have set to us, and to promise on the sacred spot where they rest to continue the good work they have begun. For this purpose we have come here to pay homage to the memory of him who was great because he was good, and who was good because he was great. We repeat with the Bible, the memory of the good and just is a blessing forevermore. Though the dust returns to the dust whence it came, the spirit returns to God, who gave it, there to receive the reward for a life devoted to the best interests of the whole human race. Of him who sleepeth here says the prophet: ‘those who enlighten and instruct their fellow-men by deed and by word, shall shine forever like the lustre of heaven.’

“Yes, the angel of immortality greets us here, and, pointing to heaven, admonishes us here to repeat the Hebrew prayer which in our temples and synagogues we recite when reminded of the dear and good ones who have gone before us, but left us a legacy of future blessing and harvest.”

Here ~~was~~ said in Hebrew, all present joining in the responses with the utmost devotion and fervor.

“The great name of God be exalted and sanctified in the world which He created according to His will.

“May His kingdom be established in your life, and in your days, in the life of the whole house of Israel, now and forever.

“His great name be glorified forever and aye.

“Render praise and benediction, glory and exaltation; speak of eminence and excellency, sing psalms and hymns to His hallowed name. Give praise to Him who is exalted high above all benedictions and hymns which are uttered in the world.

“May He the Lord of heaven and earth grant eternal peace and full participation of the bliss of eternal life, grace and mercy to George Washington, the father of our country, and to all his noble associates, and to all who parted this life in the blissful hope of a future life. Amen!”

The Reverend gentleman then added:

"And while thus in prayer and gratitude we honor the memory of him who here sleeps in his grave, let us not forget the sayings of our old teachers. We need not erect costly monuments to the memory of the great and good. Their actions are their proudest monuments, and any one who will honor him not with mere idle ceremonies shall try to walk on in the path of virtue and righteousness they have lined out for us. Coming up to this wise admonition, let us promise here on this sacred spot that we will live and work for the free country he and his immortal compeers have created for us, and, in order that our intentions may be rewarded with success, let us implore the divine assistance and paternal blessing of Him who heareth on high as the Ruler and Father of all Nations.

"Yes, all-merciful God, we approach the throne of Thy unfathomed Majesty, and pray vouchsafe Thy blessing unto these United States, our beloved home and fatherland. So far Thy mercy has been with us, Thy grace has not forsaken us, and Thy spirit will not leave us forevermore. Grant in Thy power and wisdom that our Union may be a union not only established by compact and law, but that it may be a union of brotherly love, of hands and hearts and sentiments, indeed. Grant in Thy might and love that civil liberty in the fullest and best sense of the word may remain the inalienable treasure in the diadem of our land, and that we all may follow out the noble sentiment that has become the national creed, "with malice to none, with charity for all," with justice as God understands it. We will see justice and righteousness administered to all classes of our fellow-citizens. Grant in Thy goodness, that religious liberty may flourish and prosper as heretofore; that toleration be vindicated, not only by the power and majesty of the law, but that it be the natural result of mutual good-will, of that brotherly love and of that true religious sentiment which glories in the common fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man. Bless him, the Chief Magistrate of our land, his counselors and the members of Congress. Give them Thy spirit, that they all in their proper sphere may co-operate for the good of all; that justice and liberty and peace may forever be the supreme ruler of the land; that they may be the worthy successors of those who with their blood and treasure purchased for us the birthright of our freedom and independence."

"On Thee we rely; in Thy might and goodness we trust. Thou wilt watch over this land of promise, that year after year may add to

its glory and its prosperity; that centennial following centennial will display and exhibit new harvests of blessings and progress; and unto Thee, heavenly Father of all Thy human children, we ascribe glory and honor forevermore.

The pilgrims then separated and with great interest inspected the relics in the old mansion and the surrounding grounds; then, as the shades of evening were gathering, they again assembled at the tomb, where a memorial tree was planted by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, who first made the following remarks:

“LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—Before planting this tree in memory of the great and good man, George Washington; in memory also of this Centennial year and joyous month of our glorious republic; and in memory of the first visit of delegates of so many Hebrew congregations, as are now assembled here—permit me to call your attention to a passage in the Talmud, befitting this solemn occasion. It is narrated there that the Israelites in the wilderness carried two arks, one containing the two tables of stone which Moses had brought down from Sinai; and the other was the coffin containing the remains of Joseph, brought out from Egypt. When it was asked, why should the coffin of the dead be carried alongside the ark of the living God, it was replied, because this man has conscientiously observed that which is written in that ark, viz.: on the two tables of stone.

“When we are asked, wherefore are the representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the admirers of Moses and the prophets, assembled at the sepulchre of George Washington, we reply, the man whose remains are interred yonder has fulfilled in the holy cause of humanity that which Moses has written. In the name of God Moses announced to Israel, there shall be one law and one justice to all; again, and ye shall proclaim liberty to the inhabitants of the land, equality, justice and freedom to all; in the name of a free and brave people. George Washington secured these holy boons to all who wish to enjoy them. Moses, the son of Amram, and George Washington are the two poles of the axis about which the history of mankind revolves.

“George Washington is not endeared only to the hearts of his countrymen; he is dear to every heart which loves liberty. The Centennial year is not only important to us, it is important to the world, as it proves the speedy approach of the universal republic.

The Union of the American Hebrew Congregations is, perhaps, no less important to Israel, as it secures to us as religious Israelites the fruits of liberty and the future prosperity of Israel's sacred cause. Therefore I plant this tree on this sacred soil, near the tomb of George Washington, to be remembered forever that the representatives of the American Israelites have felt here, to-day, the presence of the noble spirit of the great patriot, and have expressed the gratitude which they owe to him and his compatriots. May this tree grow up under God's blessed dew, kissed by glorious sunshine."

The spot Dr. Wise selected for this tree was in the immediate vicinity of those planted by the Prince of Wales, of England, and Dom Pedro, the Emperor of Brazil, both of which it was announced by Simon Wolf, Esq., had perished, and he expressed the hope that the one just planted in love and piety, and in admiration for the great and good Washington, would be spared the rude blast, and be permitted by Providence to take root and become a lasting memorial of the present pilgrimage.

The visitors then, deeply impressed with their visit, re-embarked for Washington City.

Wineberger in his *Home of Washington* says :

"The tomb of Washington must ever be regarded as a sacred spot. A halo of glory encircles it. It has a thousand tongues speaking silently to the heart, and proclaiming in sweet accents all the associations of his great name which is baptized with the everlasting gratitude of his people.

"The echoes of its vaults are eloquent!

"The stones have voices, and the walls do live!

"It is the house of memory!

"Rulers of the world, learn from Washington wherein true glory consists. Restrain your ambition. Let the world have peace, and prepare for yourselves the enjoyment of that ecstatic pleasure which will result from devoting all your energies to the advancement of human happiness."

THE UNION OF American Hebrew Congregations.

PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

COUNCIL,

Held at Philadelphia, Pa., July, 5637-1877.

TUESDAY, July 10, 1877.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at St. George's Hall, and at half-past ten o'clock. A. M., was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. David Levy, of Charleston, S. C.

On motion, Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer was elected temporary Chairman, and Mr. Lewis Abraham temporary Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Simon Wolf, Lipman Levy, M. Schwerin, Nathaniel Myers and Herman Herold.

Mr. Josiah Cohen moved that a Committee of five be appointed to report officers for the permanent organization. The motion was adopted, and the Chairman appointed Messrs. Josiah Cohen, Julius J. Maas, Morris Mayer, A. W. Rich and Bernhard Singer as the Committee.

Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia, being called upon, addressed the Council.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report :
To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council :

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Julius J. Maas.
2. Bene Israel,	Evansville, Ind.	
3. B'nai Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Moritz Loth, Abraham Aub, A. J. Friedlander, Solomon Levi, Bernhard Bettmann, Wm. Goodheart.
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ill.,	Joseph D. Levy, Wolf Joseph.
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio,	
6. Ohev Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio.	
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Henry Adler, Daniel Kusworm.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	A. Schwab.
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Julius Freiberg, Jacob Ezekiel, Lipman Levy, Solomon Bloom, Victor Abraham, Max. Hoffheimer, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.	
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	S. Ullman, Samuel Henle.
12. Indi'polis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Herman Bamberger, Joseph Deitch.
13. Beth El,	Detroit, Mich.,	Simon Heavenrich, Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, Seligman Schloss.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	Rev. Dr. S. S. Kohn, Lewis N. Dembitz, Louis Newburger, Henry Shoeninger. Edward Bloch.
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.,	
16. B'nai Israel,	Little Rock, Ark.	
17. B'nai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.	
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.	
19. Chev. Gem. Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.	
20. Tifereth Israel,	Cleveland, Ohio,	Sol. Sloss, Sigmund Mann, J. Mandelbaum. B. F. Peixotto.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.,	
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio.	
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio,	Morris Mayer.
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	Raphael Vogel.
27. Beneh Israel,	Charleston, W. Va.,	S. Strauss.
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph, Mo.	
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	Rev. David Levy, Abraham Falk.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.	
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio.	
32. B'nai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.	
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wis.	
34. Meadv'le Heb. Soc.	Meadville, Pa.,	M. H. Reefer.
35. Anshai Emeth,	Peoria, Ill.	
36. B'nai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.	
37. Kehilath Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ill.,	Jacob Rosenberg, Laz. Silverman, Hy. S. Haas, B. W. Eisendrath.
38. B'nai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.	
39. Heb. Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Aaron Haas.
40. Bene Yeshurun,	Des Moines, Iowa,	Rev. J. Voorsanger.
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.	
42. Emanuel,	Grand Rapids, Mich.,	Jos. Houseman.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.	

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
45. Hebrew Zion,	Shreveport, La.,	Herman Herold.
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Hiram Exstein, E. Hirshfield, Louis M. Brock.
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Eman'l Wertheimer. Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.
48. B'nai El,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Isaac Baer.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.,	Max S. Mayer.
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio,	Samuel Levy.
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio,	S. J. Eichelstein.
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Rev. Dr. M. Elkin.
53. Anshe Chesed,	Cleveland, Ohio.	
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Tex.	
56. Emanu El,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	A. W. Rich, Solomon Roth.
57. Beth Israel,	Meridian, Miss.	
58. House of Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Philip Lewin, M. Schwerin.
60. Gemilas Chasodim,	Port Gibson, Miss.	
61. Mount Sinai,	Georgetown, D. C.,	Henry Strauss.
63. Akron Heb. Ass'n,	Akron, Ohio.	
64. Washington Heb.,	Washington, D. C.,	Simon Wolf, Gus. Lansburgh, Henry Adler.
65. Rodef Sholem,	Petersburg, Va.	
66. Knox'y'e Heb. Ben.,	Knoxville, Tenn.,	F. Heart.
67. Beth Ahaba,	Richmond, Va.	
68. Mishkan Israel,	Selma, Ala.,	Charles Rodenberg.
69. B'nai Israel,	Galveston, Texas,	L. Oppenheimer, M. Kopperl.
70. Beth Israel,	Houston, Texas,	Adolph Harris.
71. Anshai Emeth,	Pine Bluff, Ark.,	Jonas Berlin.
72. Etz Raanon,	Rochester, N. Y.	
73. Victoria Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Victoria, Tex.,	Henry Halfin.
74. Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Farmerville, La.,	Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise.
75. B'nai Sholem,	Chicago, Ill.	

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
76. Progress Ass'n,	Oil City, Pa.	
77. B'nai Zion,	Titusville, Pa.	
78. Beth El,	Helena, Ark.	
79. Anshi Chesed,	Bay City, Mich.	
80. Beth Israel,	Peoria, Ill.,	Samuel Woolner.
81. Shaare Emeth,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, Nathaniel Myers, Bernhard Singer.
82. Oheb Zedek,	Pottsville, Pa.	
83. Bickur Cholim,	Donaldsonville, La.	
84. Temple Sinai,	New Orleans, La.	
85. Brith Sholem,	Springfield, Ill.	
86. First Hebrew,	Eureka, Nevada,	Samuel Goldstein.
87. Ohaveh Sholem,	Summit, Miss.,	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.
88. Bnai Sholem,	Huntsville, Ala.,	Lewis Abraham.
89. Bnai Sholem,	Bastrop, La.,	Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.

Respectfully submitted,

SIMON WOLF,
M. SCHWERIN,
HERMAN HEROLD,
LIPMAN LEVY,
NATHANIEL MYERS,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following report :

To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee appointed on Permanent Organization most respectfully suggest the following as the permanent officers of this Council :

For President, HON. B. F. PEIXOTTO.

For Vice-President, PHILIP LEWIN.

For Secretary, LIPMAN LEVY.

For Assistant Secretary, LEWIS ABRAHAM.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH COHEN,

B. SINGER,

J. J. MAAS,

A. W. RICH,

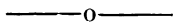
M. MAYER,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the gentlemen therein named, being duly elected, entered upon the discharge of their respective duties, the President having been conducted to the Chair by a committee for that purpose appointed by the temporary Chairman.

The following reports in printed form were presented to the Council :

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



To the Representatives of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations in Council assembled :

GENTLEMEN:—Among the many virtues with which God in His loving kindness has endowed the nature of man, those of sociability and love are the most pre-eminent, and the further man advances in the scale of civilization, the stronger and purer are those noble virtues developed. This will explain why the cause of union in Israel is so popular among the masses of our people, and it affords me great pleasure to report that the movement in Israel of forming one great Union of American Hebrew Congregations is rapidly gaining advocates in every part of the United States, who correctly perceive that great results will grow out of such a powerful union.

This movement of forming one great union in Israel has not been started a day too soon, for civilization has reached a period

of doubt, doubting the doctrines under which our noble ancestors have for centuries lived happily and prospered, even under the dark clouds of prejudice, tyranny and the fury of mobs. It is indeed sad to behold with what nonchalance the Sabbath-day is now disregarded and the house of worship neglected. Such disregard for the Sabbath as a day of rest, as a day devoted to communion with God, and as a day of mental elevation, of leading the family to walk in His ways, can not but bear bitter fruit, which, sooner or later, will be felt in every family in Israel.

To reinstate the observance of the Sabbath in its pristine purity requires the united effort of the whole people, and the sooner it is done the better it will be for the happiness and prosperity of every man, woman and child in Israel.

Next in importance is the education of ministers and teachers to be worthy of that exalted name, whose exemplary life, wisdom and eloquence will serve as guides to strengthen the affections of family life and the due performance of public obligations. Then can we fairly expect that the prophecy of Isaiah will soon become realized, that "out of Zion shall go forth the law, that the nations shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning knives; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn any more war."

During the past year our brethren dwelling in Roumania and Servia have again been maltreated and subjected to heartless oppressions. Remonstrations with those provinces are useless, and the best remedy for these willful and premeditated persecutions and heartless oppressions is to inaugurate a system of emigration of our brethren from those dark and dreary countries to the United States, and thus give them effective relief by bringing them from lands where the light of civilization may not penetrate for another century to a country of equality before the law where every individual has the broadest opportunity for development and happiness.

To carry out such a policy it is essential that some of our wealthy philanthropists should donate a tract of land in the United States of several thousands of acres of fertile soil for agricultural colonization by our brethren, and to authorize the

Executive Board to accept the same and adopt such measures as will bring that colonization into successful operation, always provided that the funds now on hand and that may be hereafter given for educational purposes be not expended for agriculture and colonization, but to create a separate fund for that purpose and give it their moral aid in order to make such an agricultural colonization of Israelites a great success.

This will be the beginning of a new era in the history of our people, for such an agricultural colonization will have the tendency to lead our brethren in the United States from commercial pursuits to that of agriculture, and this would be a right move in the right direction, as there are too many engaged in commerce and not a sufficient number tilling the soil.

A policy to make the occupation of a farmer popular and profitable ought to be set on foot, and nothing will accomplish it so quickly and so well as to change the present social life among the farmers, and thus put a stop to the evil of driving away sons and daughters from fertile farms to barren cities, where many of them eke out a most pitiable livelihood.

There is another growing evil that threatens the prosperity and happiness of the people of the United States; it is excessive taxation—taxation, which in many instances borders upon confiscation, rapidly impoverishing the people, who are growing too poor to live in such comfort as every civilized man is entitled to enjoy. To give speedy relief in this direction requires the serious attention of every citizen. Such relief can not be brought about without improved legislation, and to effect this it is the imperative duty of all to see that the wisest and the best men are nominated and elected to enact and execute laws that will give relief from the evils that now encompass society.

United in sentiment, resolute to do the greatest good to the greatest number, with agricultural industries stimulated and taxation reduced, the field of deep thought and happiness, as well as that of material prosperity, is vastly enlarged. I therefore most respectfully recommend the following to your consideration:

1. By what manner and means every congregation in Israel could be induced to enter the folds of the Union.

2. In what manner the Hebrew Union College Fund can be greatly enlarged, so as to secure for its professors the ablest minds that a very liberal remuneration can procure.

3. To establish a Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary, in which our daughters may acquire a classical education and a practical knowledge of domestic duties, which add so much to the comforts of life.

4. To adopt measures by which congregations in rural districts can be addressed by a rabbi at least once a month.

5. To take into consideration by what means the expense of the congregation could be reduced, for reduced expenses would increase the membership.

6. To adopt a plan by which every Israelite could be induced to become a member of a congregation.

7. To inaugurate a system by which some of the graduates of the Sabbath-school could take charge of a class, and teach the different grades.

8. To vote a liberal prize for the composition of hymns, to be sung at the opening and closing exercises of the Sabbath-school.

9. To adopt measures to secure the observance of the Sabbath, and lead young and old to the house of worship on the Sabbath day.

10. To encourage the exchange of pulpits among our rabbis.

11. To instruct the Executive Board to open books of reference, in which are to be recorded the credentials of every rabbi, stating where he has officiated; such information to be furnished on application to every congregation in the Union.

12. To inaugurate a system by which the congregations may obtain a rabbi through the aid of the Executive Board of the Union.

13. To encourage everywhere the formation of Young Men's Hebrew Associations for intellectual development and social entertainment.

14. To encourage the growing generation of Israelites to learn mechanical trades or to become farmers.

15. To authorize the Executive Board to accept a tract of fertile land for agricultural colonization by your brethren.

16. To authorize the Executive Board to purchase 500 or 1,000

copies of Leaser's English version of the Bible, and to sell the same at cost.

"THE ROLL OF HONOR."

In order to increase the Indigent Students' Fund, the Executive Board has during the past year, adopted the plan of forming Educational Aid Societies, each member contributing one dollar annually for the support of indigent students. The list containing the names of the members is called "The Roll of Honor," and is placed among the archives of the Hebrew Union College, and is always accessible to the visitors of the institute.

Within six months twenty-five hundred members have enrolled their names, but with proper efforts the number could be vastly increased, and such efforts ought to be made and taken into consideration by the Council.

I beg also that action be taken on the recommendations of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, report of the Committees on Conference, Statistics, Circuit Preaching and College Buildings, all of which demand careful consideration.

In conclusion, I beg leave to tender my acknowledgments to the Executive Board for the courteous and efficient aid they have afforded me in the discharge of my duties. I also thank the Secretary for the efficient manner in which he has discharged his onerous duties, and also my thanks to the Treasurer for the faithful performance of his duties.

I also tender my most grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen in all parts of the country who have so promptly responded to the appeal for the formation of Educational Aid Societies.

My special thanks to the Honorable Benjamin Franklin Peixotto, for his efforts in collecting funds for the Hebrew Union College, are due, and herewith cordially offered.

That God may reward all who work for the cause of Judaism and union in Israel, and that His spirit may prevail in this our Fourth Annual Council, is the fervent wish of

Your most obedient servant,

M. LOTH,
President.

APPENDIX TO PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Appeal under which the Educational Aid Societies are organizing and enrolling their names on the

ROLL OF HONOR.

To the Women in Israel :

Since the historical days when Miriam led in music and song to the glory of God, when Deborah arose as a mother in Israel, and by her counsel and courage rescued her country from the hands of the enemies of Israel—from those remote days to these, the women in Israel have always been the guiding spirit in the preservation of the Laws of Moses and that glorious peace which the observance of those laws secures to every family, in whatever land it may dwell.

In order to perpetuate those teachings and expound them in befitting language, the Hebrew Union College has been established for the education of ministers and teachers, and, as many of the students are either orphans or children of parents who are unable to provide them with the necessities of life while they pass through their collegiate course, and in order to enable the Board of Governors of the College to admit all the applicants for a Hebrew and classical education, the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations makes this appeal to the women in Israel, to organize in every town and city Ladies' Educational Aid Societies, each member thereof to contribute one dollar annually as dues for the support of indigent students of the Hebrew Union College. To facilitate the organization of said societies, and to preserve the names of all who may join them, the Board has adopted a uniform subscription list, called : "The Roll of Honor," and as soon as the list is complete, it is to be returned to the Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who, after duly recording its receipt, will hand it to the Board of Governors of the College, among whose archives it shall perpetually remain and be accessible to all the visitors of the College.

Forms of these lists will be forwarded on application or as the judgment of the officers of the Union may deem best.

By order of the Executive Board,

M. LOTH, President.

LIPMAN LEVY, Secretary.

Secretary's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my annual report for the fiscal year, ending May 31, 1877 :

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

WILLARD'S HALL,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13, 1876. }

The Executive Board for 1876-7 met at 3 o'clock P. M.

Mr. Moritz Loth was elected President.

Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected Vice-President.

On motion, it was resolved that the salary of the Secretary for the present fiscal year be fixed at \$600.

On motion, it was resolved that the bond of the Secretary be fixed at \$5,000 and that of the Treasurer at \$20,000.

Mr. Lipman Levy was elected Secretary.

Mr. Solomon Levi was elected Treasurer.

On motion, the President and Secretary were authorized to draw an order for the expenses of the Third Council as soon as the bill for the same should be presented to them.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed two thousand copies of the proceedings of the Third Council.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, September 10, 1876. }

The Executive Board met at 8 o'clock, P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The bond of the Treasurer for \$20,000, with Leopold Levi and Herman Levi as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The bond of the Secretary for \$5,000, with Julius Freiberg and Aaron Kahn as sureties, was presented and accepted.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since last report, amounting to \$447.05.

The President reported that since July 1, 1876, he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,137.11, of which \$773.66 were for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, \$163.45 for expenses of the Washington Council, and \$200.00 for premium awarded by the Third Council to Rev. Dr. Deutsch for his Biblical History, all of which was, on motion, approved.

The following bills were presented and, on motion, ordered to be paid, viz.:

Bloch & Co., printing and stationery as per bill.....\$354 45
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for July and August, 1876.....	\$100 00	
Cash paid for postage and expressage.....	26 77	
“ “ deposit of bonds	1 80	
“ “ exchange.....	40	
“ “ repairing trunk	75	
“ “ freight on books and papers to and from Washington.....	8 35	
“ “ book-case	10 00	
“ “ one year's subscription for— <i>Jewish Chronicle</i>	3 00	
<i>American Israelite and De-</i> <i>borah</i>	5 00	
<i>Jewish Messenger</i>	5 00	
<i>Jewish Times</i>	5 00	
<i>Hebrew Observer</i>	5 00..	171 07

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Mr. Lipman Levy proposed the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was, on motion, adopted: In Art. III., Sec. 1, strike out the words, "30th day of June," and insert in place thereof the words "31st day of May."

On motion, the President and Vice-President were appointed a committee to collect the unpaid subscriptions.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to enter into correspondence with the committees appointed by the Second Council to solicit aid for the U. A. H. C. in the State of Texas, and to request them to procure subscriptions for the Hebrew Union College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, October 19, 1876. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Mann, in reference to the proposed lectures by Hon. B. F. Peixotto, in aid of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Mr. L. Levy proposed the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Hon. B. F. Peixotto proposes to deliver a course of lectures and solicit subscriptions in aid of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the President be instructed to accept the proposition upon such terms as he and Mr. Peixotto may agree upon.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, November 12, 1876. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Heavenrich, excusing himself for absence from this meeting.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since September 10, 1876, amounting to \$2,627.40.

The Secretary reported that since the same date orders had been drawn on the Treasurer to the amount of \$564.48, for payments ordered by the Board of Governors.

On motion, the following payments were ordered to be made:

Henry Adler, six months' interest on \$10,000 donation...\$300 00
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for September and Oc-			
tober, 1876.....	\$100	00	
Cash paid for postage.....	4	00	
“ “ expressage.....		95	
“ “ exchange.....	1	51..	106 46
			<hr/> \$406 46

The Secretary reported that, at the request of the President of the Hebrew Union College, he had furnished to the students five Bibles. On motion, his action was approved.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to procure a book of receipts with stubs.

Mr. B. Bettmann reported that on last Sunday he and Messrs. Solomon Levi and Julius Freiberg had attended a meeting of the Ladies', Widows' and Orphans' Asylum Association, at which it had been resolved to raise the dues from \$4 to \$5 per annum, and to contribute the difference to the Indigent Students' Fund, and that committees had been appointed to procure additional members, who had already met with considerable success. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to convey to the Association the thanks of this Board for their generous action.

The President submitted an appeal and plan for the formation of Ladies' Educational Aid Societies, which were, on motion, referred, with power to act, to a committee consisting of the President, Secretary and Mr. A. A. Kramer.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, January 28, 1877. }

The Executive Board met at 4 o'clock p. m., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following congregations had become members of the Union of Amer-

ican Hebrew Congregations: Temple Sinai, New Orleans, La., and B'rith Sholem, of Springfield, Ill.

A list of receipts since last meeting was read, amounting to \$2,402.50.

The President reported that he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,373.10 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors since the last meeting of this Board.

The following bills were, on motion, ordered to be paid, viz.:

Bloch & Co., printing and stationery..... \$169 55
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for November and December, 1876\$100 00

Cash paid for sample copies of the "Roll of

	Honor"	2 00	
"	" on dozen letter binders.....	6 25	
"	" exchange	1 23	
"	" postage.....	12 00	
"	" express charges.....	34 65	156 13

\$325 68

Mr. Lipman Levy, from the Committee on Statistics appointed by the last Council, reported that Mr. William B. Hackenburg, of Philadelphia, Pa., of the similar Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee, and that suitable blanks and circulars for distribution had been prepared. On motion, it was resolved that this Board will pay one-half of the expenses that may be incurred by the Joint Committee.

Mr. Solomon Levi, of the Committee on Conference appointed by the last Council, reported that there would be a joint session of the committees in New York City, on February 11, 1877, which he would be unable to attend. On motion, it was resolved that such members of our committee as are able to attend said meeting be requested to do so, and present their bills for expenses to this Board.

Mr. Lipman Levy offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have been informed that Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonnenschein, of St. Louis, Mo., is about to visit the Eastern cities on a lecture tour, and recognizing his eminent talents and his appre-

ciation of the objects of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Reverend Doctor be requested to present, whenever a suitable occasion offers, the aims and aspirations of this Union, for the purpose of enlisting in our cause all American Israelites who desire that learning may be perpetuated among our race.

Resolved, That the friends of the Union be requested to aid and assist the reverend gentleman in his undertaking and thereby show their willingness to further the interests of Judaism.

The Committee on Educational Aid Societies reported successful progress.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, March 11, 1877. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from the First Hebrew Congregation, of Eureka, Nevada, announcing its accession to membership in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since last meeting, amounting to \$2,384.10.

The President reported that he had, since the last meeting of the Board, drawn orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$981.41. Of this \$837.41 were for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, \$50.00 for expenses of the Joint Committee on Statistics, and \$94.00 for expenses of Dr. Wolfenstein in attending the meeting of the Conference Committee in New York. On motion, the action of the President was approved.

The following bill, presented by the Secretary, was ordered to be paid:

Salary for January and February, 1877.....	\$100 00
Cash paid for one year's subscription for <i>Jewish Record</i>	5 00
" " " " " <i>Jewish Chronicle</i>	3 00
" " express charges.....	8 20
" " postage.....	5 45
" " exchange.....	1 25
" " stationery.....	1 30

\$124 20

The Secretary reported that he had received to this date 38 "Rolls of Honor," accompanied by \$1,270.65 for the Indigent Students' Fund.

A communication was read from the Board of Governors, announcing the resignation of Mr. A. A. Kramer as a member thereof. On motion, Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Solomon Levi reported that the Committee appointed by the Washington Council to confer with the Board of Delegates had met in conference with a committee from that body on the 11th ult., in New York, that a plan of union had been agreed upon, which was now in the hands of a sub-committee for the purpose of being embodied in a report that would probably be presented at the next meeting of this Board.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, May 27, 1877. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$7,166.39.

The President reported that since the last meeting he had drawn orders for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, amounting to \$1,006.36.

On motion, the following payments were ordered to be made, viz.:

Bloch & Co., for printing and stationery, as per bill on file \$ 40 75

Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for March, April and May, 1877	\$150 00	
Cash paid for postage	13 00	
“ “ express charges	7 70	
“ “ exchange	1 66	
“ “ stationery	95	
“ “ Cincinnati Safe Deposit Company for one year's deposit of \$25,000 United States 5-20 bonds	28 00..	201 31

Wm. B. Hackenburg, one-half of \$62.75, balance due him	
for expenses of Joint Committee on Statistics	\$ 31 38
Henry Adler, six months' interest on \$10,000 donation . . .	300 00
Jacob Levinson, one year's services as messenger	25 00
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	\$598 44

The President reported that Hon. B. F. Peixotto had obtained subscriptions to the Sinking Fund to the amount of \$12,625, of which \$3,440 had already been collected, and annual contributions amounting to \$115, and that he had drawn an order on the Treasurer for \$500 to defray expenses incurred in obtaining these subscriptions, which action was, on motion, approved.

The Secretary reported that forty-three congregations, numbered on the record: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 36, 40, 42, 45, 47, 49, 51, 55, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 76, 80, 81, being a majority of all the congregations to whom it had been submitted, had approved the amendment to the Constitution passed by the Third Council; whereupon the President declared the amendment duly adopted.

The report of the Board of Governors, including the report of the President of the College, was presented and ordered to be printed for the use of the Council.

The Committees on Statistics, Circuit Preaching, Conference with Board of Delegates and on College Buildings and Grounds were, on motion, granted permission to hand their reports to the Secretary for the purpose of having them printed for the use of the Council.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to advertise the meeting of the next Council at an expense not exceeding thirty dollars.

The Secretary was appointed a committee to make suitable arrangements for the meeting of the Council at Philadelphia on July 10, 1877.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have lithographed the diplomas called for by Art. VI., Sec. 6, of the By-Laws.

Mr. Lipman Levy proposed the following amendment to the Constitution: Strike out Sec. 1 of Art. XVI., and insert in its place the following:

ARTICLE XVI.

SEC. 1. The provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition, unless such amendment shall be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council thereafter with a recommendation for its adoption or rejection, whereupon, if passed by the Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members present and voting, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

On motion, the foregoing amendment was recommended to the Council for adoption.

Mr. Lipman Levy submitted the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, of Cincinnati, O., be respectfully requested to allow Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise to visit the congregations on the Pacific Coast, for the purpose of addressing them in the interest of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and of the Hebrew Union College.

On motion, the President and Treasurer were instructed to invest the money in the Sinking Fund in such United States Government securities as they may deem proper.

This being the last regular meeting of this Board, the foregoing minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1877.*

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1876.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
July	5 Ahavath Achim	Lafayette, Ind.	\$ 35 00
"	7 Tiffereth Israel	Cleveland, Ohio	40 00
"	7 Akron Hebrew Association ..	Akron, Ohio	22 00
"	10 Washington Hebrew	Washington, D. C.	42 50
Aug.	1 Ohev Zedukah	Springfield, Ohio	9 00
"	3 Beth Israel	Louisville, Ky.	25 00
"	11 Mount Sinai	Georgetown, D. C.	9 50
"	24 Beth El	Helena, Ark.	14 50
Sept.	5 Ahavath Achim	Cincinnati, Ohio.	23 00
"	6 Anshe Chesed	La Crosse, Wis.	9 00
"	8 B'nai Israel	Columbus, Ohio	23 50
"	15 Rodef Sholem	Youngstown, Ohio	11 50
"	15 B'nai Israel	Vincennes, Ind.	7 50
"	18 Mishkan Israel	Selma, Ala.	16 00
"	20 Adath Joseph	St. Joseph, Mo.	21 00
"	22 Emanu El	Milwaukee, Wis.	29 00
"	23 Beni Israel	Keokuk, Iowa.	13 00
"	25 Gemilas Chasodim	Alexandria, La.	11 00
"	25 Bene Israel	Cincinnati, Ohio	92 50
"	29 Bnai Yehudah	Kansas City, Mo.	8 00
Oct.	1 Children of Israel	Memphis, Tenn.	101 00
"	2 Sherith Israel	Cincinnati, Ohio	25 00
"	4 Anshe Mayriv	Chicago, Ill.	120 00
"	4 Meadville Hebrew Society ..	Meadville, Pa.	9 50
"	7 Progress Association	Oil City, Pa.	11 50
"	11 Beneh Abraham	Portsmouth, Ohio	8 00
"	11 Beth Israel	Meridian, Miss.	30 00
"	13 Anshe Emeth	Piqua, Ohio.	6 00
"	14 Victoria Heb. Benev. Society.	Victoria, Texas	11 00
"	14 Beth Israel	Peoria, Ill.	9 50
"	16 Bene Yeshurun	Dayton, Ohio	15 00
"	19 Beth El	Detroit, Mich.	40 00
"	19 Shaare Emeth	St. Louis, Mo.	100 00
"	20 House of Israel	Philadelphia, Pa.	75 00
"	21 Tiffereth Israel	Cleveland, Ohio	40 00
"	31 Bnai Israel	Nachitoches, La.	24 00
Nov.	2 Beth El	San Antonio, Texas	38 00
"	2 Etz Raanon	Rochester, N. Y.	13 50
"	3 Beth Israel	Louisville, Ky.	25 00
"	12 Anshe Emeth	Pine Bluff, Ark.	34 00
"	17 Anshei Chesed	Bay City, Mich.	13 50
"	24 Adas Israel	Louisville, Ky.	85 00
"	27 Bnai Israel	Evansville, Ind.	34 50
Dec.	7 Bene Yeshurun	Des Moines, Iowa	15 00
"	8 Knoxville Heb. Benevolent ..	Knoxville, Tenn.	5 50
"	14 Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis, Ind.	25 00

*In consequence of the amendment to the By-Laws adopted by the Executive Board on September 19, 1876, changing the ending of the fiscal year from June 30 to May 31, the receipts in this report comprise a period of eleven months only.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.—(Continued.)

1877.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
Jan'y 6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, Ohio.....	\$ 8 00
" 12	Anshe Emeth.....	Peoria, Ills.....	24 00
" 12	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington, D. C.....	42 50
Feb'y 6	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.....	60 00
" 23	First Hebrew.....	Eureka, Nev.....	14 50
" 24	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	9 00
March 9	Beth El.....	Helena, Ark.....	11 50
" 9	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus, Ohio.....	23 00
" 10	Bnai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	10 50
" 13	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock, Ark.....	50 00
" 14	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 50
" 19	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	16 00
" 19	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	13 00
" 19	Heb. Benevolent Association.....	Farmerville, La.....	20 00
" 21	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	8 50
" 21	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, Ohio.....	8 00
" 26	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	34 00
" 27	Victoria Heb. Benev. Society.....	Victoria, Texas.....	11 00
" 28	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston, Texas.....	70 00
" 28	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans, La.....	70 00
" 30	Progress Association.....	Oil City, Pa.....	12 00
April 3	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	8 50
" 7	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	12 50
" 9	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	25 00
" 9	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden, Ark.....	17 00
" 12	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton, Ohio.....	15 00
" 13	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, Ohio.....	6 00
" 13	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00
" 16	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	85 00
" 21	B'nai Yehudah.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	11 00
" 23	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	15 00
" 25	Gemilas Chosodim.....	Alexandria, La.....	42 00
" 25	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg, Miss.....	50 00
" 27	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	21 00
May 1	B'nai Zion.....	Titusville, Pa.....	21 00
" 2	Beth Ahaba.....	Richmond, Va.....	49 00
" 3	Beth El.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	19 00
" 4	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
" 7	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	185 00
" 8	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro, Ky.....	26 00
" 10	Beth Israel.....	Peoria, Ills.....	10 00
" 13	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	70 00
" 16	Knoxville Heb. Benevolent.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	5 50
" 24	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	40 00
" 26	Ohavai Sholem.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	40 00
" 28	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	14 00
" 30	Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	180 00
Total.....			\$2992 50

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Sept. 1.	S. Spear,	Galesburg, Ills.	\$ 5 00
2.	Joseph Levinson,	Shelbyville, Ind.	10 00
4.	Henry Katz,	Clinton, Ills.	1 00
4.	Gus Katz,	"	1 00
4.	Louis Katz,	"	1 00
6.	James Levy,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	20 00
6.	Samuel Reis,	"	10 00
6.	Abraham Reis,	"	5 00
9.	Joseph Kronthal,	Sandusky Ohio,	3 00
9.	L. Monat,	"	3 00
9.	M. Lebensberger,	"	3 00
9.	G. Hart,	"	3 00
9.	Jacob Kronthal,	"	2 00
9.	N. Bear,	"	3 00
9.	D. Frohman,	"	2 00
12.	Martin Stadler,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	50 00
12.	B. Bettmann,	"	20 00
12.	Emanuel Loth, Jr.,	"	2 00
12.	Moritz Loth, Jr.,	"	2 00
14.	Julius Freiberg,	"	50 00
15.	Kahn Brothers,	Charleston, Ill.	2 00
20.	Morris Elgutter,	Omaha, Neb.	5 00
27.	William Goldstein,	Shelbyville, Ill.	2 50
27.	Max Kleeman,	"	2 50
27.	E. Moses,	"	1 00
27.	H. Cottlow,	"	2 00
27.	Morris Cottlow,	"	2 00
27.	A. Reiter,	Greensburg, Ind.	10 00
30.	Louis Adler,	Lawrenceburg, Ind.	1 00
30.	Jacob. C. Wiles,	"	1 00
30.	Simon Kaufman,	"	1 00
30.	S. Strasburger,	"	1 00
30.	Joseph Mooney, Jr.,	"	1 00
Oct. 4.	Harry Katz,	Yankton, D. T.	1 00
9.	Henry Seinsheimer,	Cincinnati, Ohio	2 00
9.	Max Heavenrich,	St. Johns, Mich.	10 00
13.	C. Koch,	Cleveland, Ohio,	10 00
13.	J. Goldsmith,	"	10 00
13.	S. Mann,	"	10 00
13.	Moritz Joseph,	"	10 00
13.	S. Newmark,	"	10 00
13.	Manuel Halle,	"	10 00
13.	Meyer Weil,	"	5 00
13.	C. K. Halle,	"	5 00
13.	A. W. Mann,	"	5 00
13.	Sol. Sloss,	"	5 00
13.	L. Halle,	"	5 00
13.	J. Reinthal,	"	3 00
13.	S. H. Bloch,	"	5 00
13.	E. Reinheimer,	"	5 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—(Continued.)

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Oct. 13.	L. Aufrecht,	Cleveland, Ohio	\$ 5 00
13.	Emanuel Bloch,	"	5 00
13.	J. Rohrheimer,	"	5 00
13.	K. Hays,	"	5 00
13.	Edward Musahm,	"	6 00
13.	Moses Halle,	"	5 00
13.	S. Austrian,	"	5 00
13.	Joseph Halle,	"	5 00
13.	S. Sampliner,	"	2 00
13.	M. Jacobs,	"	5 00
13.	F. Strauss,	"	5 00
13.	A. Goldsall,	"	5 00
29.	Simon Heavenrich,	Detroit, Mich.	10 00
29.	Julius Robinson,	"	10 00
29.	Seligman Schloss,	"	10 00
29.	E. S. Heineman,	"	10 00
29.	Emanuel Schloss,	"	10 00
29.	Martin Butzel,	"	10 00
29.	Magnus Butzel,	"	10 00
29.	Samuel Heavenrich,	"	10 00
29.	Isidor Kaufman,	"	10 00
29.	Louis Lambert,	"	10 00
29.	M. C. Fecheimer,	"	5 00
29.	Sigmund Rothschild,	"	10 00
29.	D. J. Workum,	"	10 00
Nov. 8.	B. A. Feineman,	Kansas City, Mo	20 00
11.	Simon Freedman,	Detroit, Mich.	10 00
Dec. 13.	N. Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.	25 00
13.	S. Samuels,	Columbus, Ind.	2 50
13.	F. Vogel,	"	2 50
13.	S. Kiser,	"	1 00
13.	L. Kaufman,	"	1 00
13.	L. Samuels,	"	1 00
13.	L. Silverman,	"	1 00
13.	L. King,	"	1 00
13.	S. Rosenheim,	"	1 00
13.	D. Samuels,	"	1 00
15.	D. N. Klein,	Meadville, Pa	1 00
21.	Julius Houseman,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	10 00
21.	Joseph Houseman,	"	5 00
21.	S. A. Hart,	"	5 00
21.	Isaac C. Levi,	"	5 00
21.	Henry C. Levi,	"	5 00
21.	Jacob Barth,	"	5 00
21.	David M. Amberg,	"	5 00
21.	Moses May,	"	5 00
24.	Mrs. Caroline Swarts,	Cincinnati, Ohio.	25 00
26.	Solomon Wise,	Abbeville, La.	6 00
29.	Leon Cahn,	New Orleans, La.	1 00
31.	Dr. I. Frank,	Cincinnati, Ohio.	5 00
31.	M. A. Wartcki,	"	5 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—(*Continued.*)

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Jan'y 4	J. Rolfsen Skinner,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	50 00
5.	A. Blumenthal,.....	Pomeroy, Ohio.....	5 00
19.	Dr. Wm. Stark,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	10 00
M'ch 5.	L. H. Cohn,.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	5 00
28.	A. B. Frank,.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	10 00
	Total,.....		\$757 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Aug. 11.	Simon Freedman,.....	Detroit, Mich.....	\$ 50 00
22.	Sam Goldstone,.....	Eureka, Nev.....	5 00
Sept. 11.	Edward Bloch,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	100 00
11.	Sol. Friedman,.....	".....	100 00
12.	Max L. Gutman,.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	10 00
27.	Mrs. B. Stern,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	150 00
27.	Charles Kahn, Jr.,.....	".....	500 00
Oct. 2.	Leopold Friedman,.....	Weston, Mo.....	1 00
2.	Jacob Frank,.....	".....	1 00
6.	Israelites of.....	Pulaski, Tenn.....	10 00
13.	L. Halle,.....	Cleveland, Ohio.....	25 00
13.	A. Wiener,.....	".....	5 00
13.	Louis Heinman,.....	".....	10 00
13.	M. Ullman,.....	".....	} 10 00
13.	E. Ullman,.....	".....	
13.	L. Einstein,.....	".....	
13.	Isaac Levy,.....	".....	} 5 00
13.	Ab. Stein,.....	".....	
13.	Jacob Mandelbaum,.....	".....	} 5 00
13.	Lewis Mandelbaum,.....	".....	
13.	Hoffman & Son,.....	".....	5 00
13.	K. Strauss,.....	".....	5 00
23.	B. Gundelfinger,.....	Marshall, Mo.....	5 00
23.	N. Scharff,.....	Spring Hill, Ala.....	5 00
Nov. 6.	M. Friedman,.....	Maroa, Ill.....	2 50
6.	J. Judah,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	100 00
10.	A. Blum & Son,.....	Meadville, Pa.....	10 00
29.	M. C. Fechheimer,.....	Detroit, Mich.....	50 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.—(Continued.)

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Dec. 21.	Julius Houseman,.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	\$ 50 00
21.	Joseph Houseman,.....	".....	50 00
21.	S. A. Hart,.....	".....	10 00
21.	Isaac C. Levi,.....	".....	10 00
21.	Henry C. Levi,.....	".....	10 00
21.	Jacob Barth,.....	".....	25 00
21.	David M. Amberg,.....	".....	15 00
21.	Moses May,.....	".....	10 00
28.	Ironton Heb. Benev. Ass'n ..	Ironton, Ohio.....	10 00
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Jan'y 8.	Lippman Mayer,.....	Vicksburg, Miss.....	5 00
22.	E. Rich,.....	Pontwater, Mich.....	25 00
23.	Dr. Joseph Aub,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	100 00
30.	Young Ladies' Temple Society	Quincy, Ill.....	25 00
Feb'y 7.	Isaiah Frankel,.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa.....	200 00
17.	Jacob Rosenberg,.....	Chicago, Ill.....	100 00
17.	Morris Einstein,.....	".....	100 00
17.	Martin Clayburgh,.....	".....	100 00
17.	Lazarus Silverman,.....	".....	100 00
17.	Morris Selz,.....	".....	50 00
17.	Marcus Weil,.....	".....	25 00
17.	Henry S. Kohn,.....	".....	10 00
March 4.	L. M. Hellman,.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	250 00
26.	Gustave Ranger,.....	Galveston, Texas.....	1,000 00
27.	Solomon Levi,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	500 00
28.	A. B. Frank,.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	100 00
28.	Simon Frank,.....	".....	20 00
28.	Solomon Deutsch,.....	".....	20 00
28.	A. Michel,.....	".....	20 00
28.	H. L. and L. S. Berg,.....	".....	10 00
28.	Anton Oppenheimer,.....	".....	50 00
28.	Mrs. M. Halff,.....	".....	10 00
30.	M. Jacoby,.....	Blackshear, Ga.....	15 00
April 6.	S. Bienenstock & Sons,.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	25 00
6.	Simon Adler,.....	".....	10 00
6.	Kohn & Co.,.....	".....	20 00
6.	Jacob Furth,.....	".....	20 00
7.	Hebrew Ladies' Ben. Society,	Atchison, Kansas.....	15 00
9.	Miss Rosa Wollman,.....	Leavenworth, Kansas,.....	5 00
11.	B. Singer,.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	20 00
11.	William Stix,.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.....	100 00
19.	Isaacs Brothers,.....	".....	50 00
21.	Simon Levy,.....	Shreveport, La.....	25 00
21.	Simon Herold,.....	".....	20 00
21.	Herman Herold,.....	".....	20 00
21.	Sam. Levy,.....	".....	20 00
21.	Leon and H. Blum,.....	Galveston, Tex.....	500 00
21.	Samson, Isaac and Abraham Heidenheimer,.....	".....	250 00
21.	Isaac Bernstein,.....	".....	150 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.—(Continued.)

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
April 21	H. Kempner,	Galveston, Tex.	\$ 100 00
21	M. Marx,	"	100 00
21	S. Jacobs,	"	100 00
21	Moses Freiberg,	"	25 00
21	M. Lasker,	"	100 00
21	L. Block,	"	100 00
21	A. Levy,	"	100 00
21	E. Fribourg,	"	25 00
21	D. Freeman,	"	20 00
21	F. Half,	"	100 00
21	I. Rosenfield,	"	20 00
21	Sol. Levy,	"	5 00
21	Charles J. Kery,	"	10 00
21	Sylvan Leon,	"	10 00
21	J. M. Northman,	"	10 00
21	Geo. N. Jalonick,	"	10 00
21	M. Burgower,	"	10 00
21	Jos. Levy,	"	10 00
21	M. H. Schwartz,	"	10 00
21	Julius Socha,	"	10 00
21	S. Mooney,	"	10 00
21	M. Schram,	"	10 00
21	Ben. Levy,	"	10 00
21	I. C. Levy,	"	10 00
27	Mrs. Caroline Swartz,	Cincinnati, Ohio	500 00
May 9	Nathan Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.	250 00
21	C. M. Miller,	Mansfield, Ohio	20 00
21	"Friend" (per Dr. I. M. Wise)	Montgomery, Ala.	5 00
28	M. Kopperl,	Galveston, Tex.	150 00
Total,			\$7284 50

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS
OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Sept. 25	A. Shields,	Durant, Miss.	\$ 5 00
26	L. Katzenberger,	Cincinnati, O.	10 00
Oct. 9	Pisgah Lodge, No. 34 I. O. B. B.	Detroit, Mich.	25 00
11	Lad. Heb. Ben. Society,	San Antonio, Texas,	25 00
11	L. Bach,	Pella, Iowa,	5 00
13	Israelites of,	Louisiana, Mo.	10 00
29	Ladies of,	Columbus, Ohio	12 40
31	Abraham Aub,	Cincinnati, O.	25 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Nov. 3	M. Frank.	Delaware, Ohio.	\$ 3 00
20	Cong. Temple Beth Zion.	Buffalo, New York.	100 00
Dec. 12	S. Plaut.	Homer, Ill.	5 00
12	Emanuel Wertheimer.	San Francisco, Cal.	50 00
16	Isaac Saller.	Philadelphia, Pa.	10 00
28	Mrs. I. Loeb, (nee Wurmser).	Cincinnati, Ohio.	25 00
28	Wilcox Heb. Ben. Society.	Camden, Ala.	25 00
1877.			
Jan. 4	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Portsmouth, O.	17 00
8	Proceeds of a fair held by young ladies and gentlemen.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	240 00
18	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Des Moines, Iowa.	12 00
20	Gateway City Ed. Aid Society.	La Crosse, Wis.	23 00
22	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Rock Port, Mo.	3 00
22	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Fall River, Mass.	5 00
22	B. Baer.	Gordonsville, Va.	2 00
22	M. Moers.	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
22	Mr. Buchen.	Chillicothe, O.	2 00
22	Sheurman Bros.	Marengo, Iowa.	10 00
22	"Friends," per Sol. Levi.	Cincinnati, O.	10 00
26	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Chicago, Ill.	200 00
29	Gentlemen's Ed. Aid Society.	Wheeling, W. Va.	49 00
Feb. 1	Lad. Heb. Ben. Society.	San Antonio, Tex.	25 00
5	Clinton Ed. Aid Society.	Clinton, Iowa.	15 00
5	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Charleston, W. Va.	19 00
8	Circleville Ed. Aid Society.	Circleville, O.	10 00
8	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Georgetown, D. C.	14 00
12	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Farmerville, La.	28 00
13	"A Friend" per Sol. Levi.	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
13	Children's Society.	Louisiana, Mo.	8 00
13	O. U. R. Club.	Quincy, Ill.	25 00
16	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Meridian, Miss.	21 00
16	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	32 00
18	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Louisville, Ky.	100 00
18	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Port Gibson, Miss.	19 00
20	Mrs. Babetta Miller.	Mansfield, O.	15 00
23	Ladies' and Gentlemen's Ed. ucational Aid Society.	Summit, Miss.	62 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Victoria, Texas.	6 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Owensboro, Kv.	22 00
24	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Warrensburg, Mo.	14 65
Feb. 24	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Keokuk, Iowa.	16 00
24	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Galveston, Texas.	75 00
28	Heb. Lad. Benevolent Society.	Louisiana, Mo.	25 00
28	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y.	Piqua and Troy, O.	15 00
28	Vicksburg Ed. Aid Society.	Vicksburg, Miss.	52 00
March 1	B. (per Rev. Dr. Wise).	Baltimore, Md.	5 00
1	D. Mannist.	Wellsville, Ohio.	5 00
2	Zanesville Ed. Aid Society.	Zanesville, O.	16 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
March 2	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Grand Rapids, Mich.	\$ 22 00
4	Mrs. S. Stern.	Vinton, Iowa.	5 00
4	Master Solomon Stern.	" "	5 00
4	Mrs. J. Wily.	" "	1 00
7	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Parkersburg, W. Va.	18 00
7	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Buffalo, N. Y.	124 00
8	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Rochester, N. Y.	80 00
9	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Eufaula, Ala.	17 00
9	Helena Ed. Aid Society.	Helena, Ark.	21 00
9	Kalamazoo Ed. Aid Society.	Kalamazoo, Mich.	20 00
9	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Vincennes, Ind.	21 00
9	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Dayton, O.	39 00
9	S. Blumentfield.	Chicago, Ill.	1 00
9	Proceeds of Children's Purim Festival.	Columbus, Ga.	13 00
9	Proceeds of Children's Purim Performance.	Dayton, O.	65 20
10	Camden Ed. Aid Society.	Camden, Ark.	13 00
14	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Wabash and Huntington, Ind.	17 00
14	Mrs. I. Loeb.	Wabash, Ind.	1 00
14	"Unknown,"	" "	1 00
21	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Pittsburg and Allegheny, Pa.	88 00
21	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Wheeling, W. Va.	25 50
22	David Beer.	Winona, Miss.	3 89
25	Solomon Heavenrich.	Detroit, Mich.	5 00
26	I. Kronheimer.	Boydton, Va.	1 00
27	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Youngstown, O.	28 00
28	Rev Jacob Vogelsdorff (coll.)	Lansing, Mich.	6 00
30	"Sabbath-school,"	Meridian, Miss.	10 00
30	Mrs. Charlotte Ekstein.	Lansing, Mich.	5 00
30	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Kansas City, Mo.	41 00
30	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Shreveport, La.	39 00
30	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Selma, Ala.	28 00
30	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Titusville, Pa.	28 00
30	Israelites of.	Atlanta Ga.	50 00
April 1	Zadok Scheyer.	Lansing, Mich.	1 00
2	Rev. Jacob Vogelsdorff.	Lansing, Mich.	2 00
3	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Meadville, Pa.	8 00
5	Deborah Ed. Aid Society.	Hartford, Conn.	30 00
6	Mrs. Levi Waterman.	Geneseo, Ill.	1 00
6	Mrs. Henry Stieble.	" "	1 00
April 6	Mrs. Henry Lichtenstein.	" "	1 00
6	Mrs. H. Herman.	" "	1 00
9	Delphine Levy.	Pattersonville, La.	1 00
10	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Evansville, Ind.	40 00
17	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Cleveland, O.	94 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	St. Paul, Minn.	10 50
24	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Hamilton, O.	8 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
April 24	Lad. Ed. Aid Society, and collections by Mrs. Dora Hirschler	Butler, Ind.	\$30 00
30	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Detroit, Mich.	34 00
May 3	Heb. Ben. and Ed. Aid Soc'y	Little Rock, Ark.	50 00
3	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Leavenworth City, Kan.	34 00
5	Pine Bluff Lad. Educational Aid Society	Pine Bluff, Ark.	40 00
7	Grace Aguilar Educat'nal Aid Soc'y, including collections at Vidalia, Fayette, Rodney and Church Hill, Miss., and at Trinity, Waterproof, St. Joseph and New Carthage, La.	Natchez, Miss.	109 00
8	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Detroit, Mich.	8 00
9	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Memphis, Tenn.	100 00
19	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Columbus, Ind.	10 00
22	Lad. Widows' and Orphans' Asylum Association	Cincinnati, O.	200 00
28	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Milwaukee, Wis.	100 00
	Total		\$3319 14

BIBLES.

1876.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
July 1.	I. Shuster,	Farmerville, La.	\$ 1 00
2.	Dr. Sophar,	Donaldsonville, La.	2 00
7.	Sol. Sloss,	Cleveland, O.	10 00
8.	Rev. L. Naumburg,	Pittsburg, Pa.	2 00
Aug. 1.	Cash,		1 00
1.	Bloch & Co.	Cincinnati, O.	2 00
1.	D. J. Meyerhardt,	Rome, Ga.	1 00
1.	I. Shuster,	Farmerville, La.	2 00
2.	Bloch & Co.	Cincinnati, O.	2 00
3.	Rev. Joseph Shoninger,	Boston, Mass.	1 00
8.	J. D. Abraham,	Cincinnati, O.	1 00
10.	M. Klein,	Alexandria, La.	3 00
10.	Bloch & Co.	Cincinnati, O.	2 00
10.	David Bukolzer,	Dalton, Ga.	1 00

BIBLES.—*Continued.*

1877.	Residence.	Name.	Amount.
Aug. 18.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	\$ 2 00
28.	P. Friedlander,	Memphis, Tenn.	2 00
30.	M. Loth,	Cincinnati, O.	18 00
Sept. 7.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
11.	Dr. Sophar,	Donaldsonville, La.	2 00
11.	A. Lewald,	Port Henry, N. Y.	2 00
15.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	6 00
Oct. 2.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
23.	S. H. Newhouse,	Camden, Ark.	1 00
23.	I. Shuster,	Farmerville, La.	1 00
Nov. 17.	L. Schlesinger,	Philadelphia, Pa.	2 00
Dec. 7.	Rev. S. Gerstman,	St. Joseph, Mo.	3 00
8.	M. Loth,	Cincinnati, O.	1 00
18.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	10 00
22.	L. Schlesinger,	Philadelphia, Pa.	1 00
28.	S. Abramson,	West Batton Rouge, La.	1 00
1877.			
Jan'y 2.	L. N. Dembitz,	Louisville, Ky.	7 00
18.	Cincinnati News Company,	Cincinnati, O.	1 00
18.	N. D. Menken,	Memphis, Tenn.	2 00
22.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	3 00
22.	R. Phillips,	East Saginaw, Mich.	1 00
22.	B. Baer,	Gordonsville, Va.	1 00
24.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
25.	James J. Dow,	Fairbault, Minn.	1 00
27.	J. M. Strauss,	Chicago, Ill.	5 00
29.	David Adler,	Milwaukee, Wis.	2 00
Feb. 24.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	2 00
27.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	3 00
28.	S. Wise,	Selin's Grove, Pa.	1 00
M'ch 1.	E. Marks,	Cincinnati, O.	1 00
7.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	2 00
9.	Daniel Levy,	Clarendon, Ark.	2 00
10.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
15.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	10 00
22.	David Beer,	Winona, Miss.	1 00
May 27.	Rev. S. Gerstman,	St. Joseph, Mo.	5 00
30.	L. Montner,	Salinas, Cal.	2 00
April 3.	M. Winter,	Camden, Ark.	1 00
11.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
21.	L. N. Dembitz,	Louisville, Ky.	3 00
26.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	10 00
May 12.	Rev. D. Feuerlicht,	Zanesville, O.	1 00
14.	A. B. Hirsch,	Lancaster, Pa.	1 00
16.	L. Pandres,	Sherman, Texas.	1 00
16.	A. J. Loucheim,	Galena, Ill.	1 00
17.	Henry Stein,	Trenton, Mo.	1 00
18.	Mrs. M. Sessel,	Bunker Hill, Ill.	1 00
18.	Bloch & Co.,	Cincinnati, O.	5 00
21.	J. B. Everitt,	Atlanta, Texas.	1 00

BIBLES.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
May 22.	F. Wiesenfeld,.....	Lenoir, N. C.....	\$ 1 00
23.	Joseph Cohn,.....	Highland, O.....	1 00
23.	A. B. Hirsh,.....	Lancaster, Pa.....	1 00
23.	Isaac Davidson,.....	Denver, Col.....	1 00
25.	Charles Barth,.....	Fremont, O.....	1 00
26.	Rev. J. Bloch,.....	Little Rock, Ark.....	5 00
26.	Sam Katz,.....	Campbellsville, Ky.....	1 00
26.	Joseph Cohn,.....	Highland, O.....	2 00
28.	Cash.....		1 00
Total.....			\$ 200 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1876.		
Aug. 18.	Proceeds of sale of scrap paper,.....	\$ 9 05
Dec. 29.	Proceeds of \$750.00 gold interest on \$25,000 U. S. 5 20 bonds,.....	\$01 50
1877.		
Feb'y 19.	Interest on deposits by Treasurer,	108 75
Total,.....		\$919 30

RECAPITULATION.

Dues from Congregations,.....	\$2,992 50
Annual Contributions,.....	757 00
Donations to Sinking Fund,.....	7,284 50
“ Indigent Students' Fund,.....	3,319 14
Bibles,.....	200 00
Miscellaneous,	919 30
Total Receipts,.....	\$15,472 44
Balance in hands of Treasurer July 1, 1876,.....	3,444 91
	<u>\$18,917. 35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

(For Details see Proceedings of Executive Board.)

Printing and stationery,.....	\$ 575 25
Postage and expressage,	112 72
Jewish periodicals,.....	31 00
Secretary's salary,.....	550 00
Invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds,.....	2,000 00
Premium on “ “	322 50
Interest,	600 00
Expenses of Washington Council,.....	163 45
“ Joint Committee on Statistics,.....	81 38
Premium to Rev. Dr. Deutsch for Bib. History,.....	200 00
Miscellaneous,	673 95
Payments ordered by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College,.....	4,555 01
	<u>\$ 9,865 26</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....	\$ 9,052 09

(Of which \$4,279 08 belong to the General Fund and \$4,773 01 belong to the Sinking Fund.)	
\$27,000 00 in U. S. 5-20 bonds belonging to the Sinking Fund, deposited with Cincinnati Safe Deposit Company; market value, estimated	\$31,050 00
Total funds on hand.	\$40,102 09
Subscriptions to Sinking Fund not yet collected	\$40,745 00
Total assets	\$80,847 09

INDIGENT STUDENTS' FUND ACCOUNT.

Amount appropriated by Third Council.	\$3 500 00
Donations received.	3,319 14
Total.	\$6,819 14
Overdrawn July 1, 1876.	\$ 99 03
Disbursements made by order of the Board of Governors.	3,490 18-\$3 589 21
Balance to credit of Fund.	\$ 3,229 93

BIBLE FUND ACCOUNT.

By sales from July 1, 1876, to May 31, 1877.	\$ 200 00
To balance on July 1, 1876.	123 84
Balance to credit of Fund.	\$ 76 16

BIBLE ACCOUNT.

Number of Bibles on hand July 1, 1876.	263
Sold.	200
Furnished to Students of Hebrew Union College.	5
Number of Bibles on hand.	58

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Since the last meeting of the Executive Board the following congregations have become members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations: Ohaveh Sholem, Summit, Miss., Bnai Sholem, Huntsville, Ala., and Bnai Sholem, Bastrop, Miss.

In conclusion I take the liberty of suggesting to the congregations and their officers the necessity of adopting some uniform

rule for the collection of the dues which each congregation has pledged itself to pay into the treasury of the Union. After four years of almost daily correspondence with congregations in every section of the land, which has given me a tolerably fair insight into their financial standing, it will, I hope, not be considered presumption on my part if I suggest that the plan adopted by many of them should be made the law of every congregation, that is, to add to the quarterly bills of each member the sum of twenty-five cents, a sum so small that I doubt if any one will object to paying it. By this means their fifty cents semi-annual dues can be paid to the Union without trenching in any manner upon the regular revenues of the congregations, and will prevent any of them from falling into arrears.

I would also urge upon the secretaries the necessity of promptly responding to communications. I regret to say that in some instances communications of importance have failed to be presented to congregations to whom they were sent, in consequence of neglect or oversight on the part of those into whose hands they have fallen. This should not be. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations has become a large and influential organization, and is daily growing in wealth and importance, and in order to maintain its high standing the executive officers to whom its management is intrusted are entitled to and expect the active co-operation of the officers of the congregations of whom the Union is composed.

I deem it here proper to say that thanks are due to those who in the past year have so kindly aided in promoting our objects by obtaining and collecting subscriptions for the various funds. Let us hope that they will continue in the good work and by their noble example incite others to imitate their good deeds.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY,

Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year, ending May 31, 1877 :

	General Fund.	Sinking Fund.
Balance in Treasurer's hands on July 1, 1876	\$ 3,333 90	\$ 111 01
Received from Lipman Levy, Secretary,	8,187 94	7,284 50
	<hr/> \$11,521 84	<hr/> \$7,395 51
Orders paid, Nos. 121 to 206, both inclusive	\$7,242 76	\$2,622 50
	<hr/> \$4,279 08	<hr/> \$4,773 01
Balance on hand		

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LEVI,

Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

*To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew
Congregations:*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have the honor to submit to you, in accordance with Section 8 of the laws governing the College, their annual report of proceedings, accompanying therewith the report of the President of the College, for reference to the Council, which will convene in the city of Philadelphia on Tuesday, the 10th day of July, 1877.

PROCEEDINGS.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, July 2, 1876. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ p. m., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present, viz.: Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Adler and Adam A. Kramer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

J. J. Maas, boarding and lodging students	\$211 34
J. & S. B. Sachs, boots, etc., for students	7 75
J. M. Potter, shoes, etc., for students	8 50
John King, janitor	7 20

B. Bettmann & Co., furnishing goods for students.....	\$ 13 25
Brown & Laufer, clothing for students.....	7 00
F. Speth, mending spectacles for students.....	65
Isaacs Brothers, half hose for students.....	75
S. Eppinger, salary as preceptor.....	58 33
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	\$314 77

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, Isaac Rubenstein was admitted to the College as an indigent student, and to be allowed \$25 per month toward his support.

On motion of Mr. A. J. Friedlander, the application for admission of Mr. David Runes as a student of the College was referred to the President of the College and the Committee on Examination.

An application of S. Kronberg for admission as a student to the College (from Boston, Mass.) was, on motion, postponed for consideration of the incoming Board of Governors.

The thanks of the Board were tendered to the choir and congregation of the Temple K. K. Bene Israel for services and co-operation in the closing exercises of the Hebrew Union College.

Adjourned.

WILLARD'S HOTEL,
WASHINGTON, D. C., July 13, 1876. }

The Board of Governors, on the adjournment of the Council, met to organize, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bernhard Bettmann, of Cincinnati, O., President.

Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburg, Pa., Vice-President.

Jacob Ezekiel, of Cincinnati, O., Secretary.

The Secretary submitted the following list of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College for 1876-7:

Bernhard Bettmann,	Cincinnati, O.,	Term expires 1879.
Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburg, Pa.,	" " 1879.
Jacob Ezekiel,	Cincinnati, O.,	" " 1879.
Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein,	St. Louis, Mo.,	" " 1877.
Henry Mack,	Cincinnati, O.,	" " 1877.
Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal,	"	" " 1877.
Adam A. Kramer,	"	" " 1877.
Solomon Levi,	"	" " 1877.

A. J. Friedlander,	Cincinnati, O.,	Term expires	1879.
Henry Adler,	"	"	" 1878.
Herman E. Sterne,	Peru, Ind.,	"	" 1878.
Nathan Bloom.	Louisville, Ky.,	"	" 1878.
Adjourned.			

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 VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
 CINCINNATI, August 20, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in special session at 7½ P. M. (there being no quorum at the time for holding the regular session), Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members were present: Henry Adler, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Adam A. Kramer. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The committee to whom was referred the bill of J. J. Maas recommended that the sum of \$200 be paid to him for the month of July, 1876, and that he be allowed \$25 each for two students for the month of August, which, on motion, was adopted.

The following accounts, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

J. J. Maas, for boarding and lodging students.....	\$200 00
Dr. Thad. A. Reamy, for services rendered.....	10 00
Glaser & Wolfson, for clothing	11 00
Brown & Laufer, for hats	2 50
M. Livingston, board, etc., for David Runes.....	55 00
L. Sholem, board, etc., for Isaac Rubenstein.....	15 00
S. Simon, board, etc., for Isaac Rubenstein.....	5 00
S. Eppinger, two months' salary as preceptor.....	116 66
Isaacs Brothers, for furnishing goods.....	6 13
E. Speth, for mending spectacles.....	65
H. Imwalle, for repairing shoes.....	4 35
J. M. Potter, shoes for students.....	12 75
P. Halligan, repairing clothing for students.....	19 00
Samuel Krause, board, etc., for Isaac Rubinstein.....	20 00
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\$478 04	

On motion it was ordered that all further pecuniary aid to Mr. David Runes be withdrawn.

The regular monthly report of the President of the College was presented and read, and, on motion, ordered to be entered on the minutes, viz.:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, CINCINNATI, August 20, 1876.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—According to the resolve of the Council, Grade C of the Preparatory Department is to be opened in the College with the beginning of this school year, which is the first Monday in September. I have the honor to inform you that I on my part am ready to have the orders of the Council carried into effect at the proper time, having during the vacation prepared the whole course of study, and have the honor of proposing to your kind consideration the following points:

1. I recommend Preceptor Eppinger for Grade D, to be formed of the incoming students and such students from last year's class as could not stand a satisfactory examination.

For Grade C, I offer my services as preceptor unconditionally, and will do my duty as such until the Board shall appoint my successor.

It would be very desirable, and for the decided benefit of the College, if the Rev. Dr. Lilienthal would take in the College any branch he might wish to teach, especially if he could give the two classes one hour on Saturday afternoon on the history of the Jews, according to the curriculum, from Zerubabel to the close of the Talmud (500 A. C.).

2. In regard to course of studies and text-books permit me to suggest this:

The curriculum is laid down in the laws of the College; therefore Grade D is to go over the same ground this year as it did last year, thus: *Thorah*, *Thillim*, and Hebrew grammar (Deutsch's); *Mishnah* as last year; and *Mechilta*—to take the *Pesichta*, then to begin the *Pareshah*, called *Bachodesh Hashlishi*, and continue in *Mishpatim*, because the *Pareshah* mentioned is light reading and treats on the Decalogue.

In Grade C the curriculum provides for the cursory reading of the Former Prophets and the analytical reading of Solomon's Proverbs, Aramaic grammar (Goldammer's translation of Luz-zatto's), *Mishnah* and *Mechilta*. I propose to take Talmud *Berachoth* in place of *Mechilta*, the latter to be read occasionally only, as I believe the class prepared for Talmud reading; and in the *Mishnah* I propose to take *Seder Moed*, as most necessary.

In history the origin of Jewish literature up to 500 A. C. is to be added to the general history, which I propose to do on Sunday or Saturday, if Dr. Lilienthal will consent to take general history on either of these two days. With my highest regards, gentlemen, I am,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The invitation extended to Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal in the foregoing report was accepted by him and his services in that behalf were thankfully accepted by the Board.

All the recommendations made in the report of the President of the College were adopted, except that which related to the employment of Mr. S. Eppinger as preceptor, which was, on motion, postponed, and the course of study recommended in said report was referred to the Committee on Course of Study.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Mr. S. Eppinger was elected preceptor for the ensuing year, in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the College, and his salary fixed at \$700, being \$500 regular salary and \$200 for extra services after regular college hours.

The application of Jacob Strause for admission as a student was referred to the President of the College.

Communications from various persons were received, proposing to furnish the students board, lodging, etc., for the ensuing year, which were read.

On motion, the Committee on Accommodation, with the President of the Board of Governors, were instructed and authorized to make a contract with Mr. J. J. Maas, to board and lodge the indigent students at \$25 per month, at the will of the Board, subject to the rules and regulations of the Board now existing, and which may hereafter be adopted, and said students to remain with Mr. Maas at the pleasure of the Board, payment to be made only during the time said students are actually furnished by said J. J. Maas.

On motion, the President was authorized to insure the books and furniture of the College against loss by fire.

The President appointed the following standing committees for the ensuing year:

Committee on Course of Study and Library—Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Adam A. Kramer, Henry Adler.

Committee on Examination and Discipline—Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, B. Bettmann, Herman E. Sterne.

Committee on Buildings and Supplies—Henry Mack, A. J. Friedlander, Nathan Bloom.

Committee on Salaries, Claims and Accommodations—Solomon Levi, Josiah Cohen, Jacob Ezekiel.

On motion Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise was unanimously re-elected President of the College for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, September 10, 1876. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, A. J. Friedlander and Adam A. Kramer. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following bills, properly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co., printing, etc.	\$ 18 00
H. M. Davis, book-case for College.	23 50
Wilstach, Baldwin & Co., stationery.	35 66
Robt. Clarke & Co., stationery	4 08
Brown & Laufer, hats	7 00
Mendel, Berman & Co., hats	2 90
J. J. Maas, board, lodging, etc., for August.	69 58
Mr. Eppinger, salary for August.	58 33
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On motion of Solomon Levi, the application of Louis Grossman, for admission as an indigent student, was granted.

On motion, the President of the College was authorized to purchase the necessary stationery for the use of the College.

On motion of Dr. Lilienthal, it was resolved that an appropriation be asked of the Executive Board to purchase necessary German books on theology; but the resolution was reconsidered, and a substitute offered and carried, referring the matter to the President of the College, requesting him also to submit to this Board a plan for the study of German.

The President of the College was requested to have *Kadesh* said by the students on the anniversary of the death of Mrs. Fox, according to her letter of donation.

The President of the College presented his report, which was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, as follows:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, CINCINNATI, }
September 10, 1876. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report that Grades D and C of the Preparatory Department of this College were duly opened on the 3d inst., in the presence of Mr. B. Bettmann, Dr. Lilienthal and the preceptors.

All students from the last school year except two, Miss Ettlinger and Levy Rosenbusch, have been registered for the ensuing year, including David Runes, who was registered in the high-school in Grade C.

Newcomers are these: Louis Grossman, of New York; Moses Hahn, of Cleveland; Herman Hirschberg, of Cleveland; M. A. Kapperl, of Vaiden, Miss.; Louis Silverman, of Cincinnati; Fred. Stadler, of Cleveland; Isaac Stern, of Cincinnati; Isaac Wildberg, of Cincinnati. One young man more from Cincinnati has applied, but could not register because he was not a pupil in the high-school.

The eight newcomers, together with Mr. Luxemburg, from last year, are in Grade D. I teach Grade C. During the past week the various studies have been commenced, viz.: GRADE D, *Thorah, Psalms, Hebrew Grammar, Mechilta* and *Pirkei Aboth*; GRADE C, *Joshua, Proverbs, Aramaic Grammar, Talmud Berachoth* and *Mishnah Rosh Hashonah*.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal commenced, Saturday last, to lecture for both classes on Jewish history. The Atzilai Benai Israel Association for literary exercises was opened to-day.

The College was visited this week by Mr. Henry Adler, Mr. Fuchs and Dr. Tintner. I expect that all will be right in the next year, with God's help and assistance, as it was in the past. Four of the new students placed at Mr. Maas' claim your charity, viz.: Fred Stadler, Herman Hirschberg, Moses Hahn, all from the Asylum, and Louis Grossman, whose father provides him with clothes and books. I have purchased a large second-hand book-case for \$20, for which a bill is inclosed, also two copies of *Talmud Berachoth* for \$10, for which I have paid. I need a regular College register for monthly and annual report, and beg leave to order it. I bought two copies of *Talmud Berachoth* because we have not enough of them in our College to supply the whole class. I have taken all the students of last

year under my care—viz., in my class—because all can go along with the class if they wish, and, if any should be irregular in attendance, I will report and claim your assistance. Besides, this will facilitate the discipline, although it gives me most of the work.

It is not one year yet since we opened this College, and we have twenty-three students, among them seven of our Cincinnati boys, who would not have thought of Hebrew studies had it not been for this College. The idea must have time to spread, but, in proportion to the first year, its influence will be immense. I thank the Almighty that I am deemed worthy of co-operating in this great work of Israel's resurrection in His great literature, and am,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,)
CINCINNATI, November 12, 1876. }

The Board of Governors met in special session at 7½ P. M. (there being no quorum at the time for holding the regular session), B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Solomon Levi, Henry Adler and A. A. Kramer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal it was ordered that the indigent students be supplied with Dr. Goldammer's edition of Luzzatto's Aramaic Grammar.

On motion of Solomon Levi the kind offer of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal to instruct the students of the College, in accordance with the report of the President of the College on that subject, was accepted with the thanks of the Board.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal it was resolved that all future applications for admission to the College and for support as indigent students shall be referred to the President of the Board, who shall submit the same to the Board of Governors with his recommendations thereon.

The Committee on the application of Mr. David Runes presented the following report:

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

GENTLEMEN :— Your Committee on the petition of Mr. David Runes beg leave to recommend the same to your consideration, because he is in good standing at the high-school (85 per cent. average) and also at the College. We would, therefore, recommend to this Board to assist Mr. Runes with \$100 per annum, payable at the rate of \$8 per month, until the end of the school year.

Your Committee,

M. LILIENTHAL,
ISAAC M. WISE.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received, and the ayes and naves called on its adoption, with the following result:

Bernhard Bettmann, President,	Yes.
Rev. Dr. Lilienthal,	Yes.
Henry Adler,	Yes.
Adam A. Kramer,	Yes.
Solomon Levi,	No.
A. J. Friedlander,	No.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

S. Eppinger, salary for September and October, 1876...	\$ 116 66
John King, salary as janitor for the same months.	11 00
J. J. Maas, board, etc., for students.....	301 95
J. J. Maas, expenses for students.....	31 00
J. & S. B. Sachs, boots, etc., for students.....	11 75
E. T. Carson & Co., gas fixtures.....	8 00
Wilstach, Baldwin & Co., stationery.....	2 50
Robert Clarke & Co., stationery ...	7 00
Heidelbach, Friedlander & Co., clothing.....	13 00
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Mr. Isaac Rubenstein and Mr. Berkowitz, students, asked permission to change their quarters from Mr. J. J. Maas' to another boarding-house, which was refused by the Board.

Mr. J. J. Maas submitted an abstract of the standing and proficiency of the students in their studies and conduct in the Cincinnati high-school, which, on motion, was read and ordered to be filed.

The President of the College presented his monthly report, which was read and ordered to be entered upon the minutes ;

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, CINCINNATI, }
November 1, 1876. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

GENTLEMEN :—Permit me to report to you that the affairs of the College have remained in *statu quo* since my last report. Not the least disturbance occurred in either the discipline or the instruction. The rules and regulations were carried out strictly.

There are now thirteen students in Grade C (Mr. Strassburg has withdrawn from school altogether) viz.: Masters Aaron, Berkowitz, Cohn, Eichberg, Friedlander, Heinsheimer, Krauskopf, Marks, Philipson, Rothschild, Rubenstein, Runes and Ullman—all students from last year. This grade has been hitherto under my tuition in all except history, and I have taught :

1. *Literary History*, to the close of the Medo-Persian period.
2. *Aramaic Grammar*, the noun and verb in part.
3. *The Book of Joshua*, through.
4. *Proverbs of Solomon*, from chapter x. to chapter xix.—nine chapters.

5. *Mishnah*, eight *Perakim*, viz.: *Rosh Hashonah* four *Perakim*, and two *Perakim* of each *Yoma* and *Succah*.

6. *Talmud*, various passages in *Berachoth*, selected for beginners.

In the five studies mentioned first nearly all the students are perfect as far as we have gone ; in the Talmud, however, the beginning is difficult, and it will take us two months longer before we can make it a regular study.

Grade D is composed of the following students: Masters Hahn, Grossman, Hirschberg, Silverman, Stadler, Stern, Wildberg; also Aaron Luxemburg, a hospitate, and Miss Ettlinger, from last year. Mr. Kopperl has not been able to get along on account of want of preparation. Preceptor Solomon Eppinger is doing his duty fully and punctually. He has taught :

1. *Hebrew Grammar*, the noun and the verb in part.
2. *Thorah*, twelve chapters of Exodus, i. to xiii.
3. *Psalms*, ten chapters, i. to x.
4. *Pirkei Aboth*, the first two chapters.
5. *The Mechilta*, introductory chapter.

This grade has taken history, like Grade C, with Rev. Dr. Lienthal, and literary history with me.

I have examined the class in the above studies, and the students are well instructed, as far as they have gone.

Rev. Dr. Lienthal has lectured to both classes on Jewish history every Saturday and Sunday, now in review of Bible history, and has kindly volunteered to instruct my grade two hours

weekly in the Former Prophets, which offer, with the permission of the Board, I would gladly accept, as it would give me time (two hours every week) to attend to Preceptor Eppinger's class for examination, etc.

We are carrying out punctually the laws of the College in curriculum and discipline, although the various holidays have interfered somewhat with our progress. Yet, I believe that the students have done well for a beginning of the scholastic year. It is the first time in America that a class is taught Talmud in the English language, which has its difficulties, but I expect they will be overcome in a short time.

The Aramaic grammar, translated by Rev. Dr. Goldammer, has appeared. It is a good text-book. I would propose to purchase some for your indigent students.

There is now here a Russian-German boy, Morris Sachs, 14 years old, poor and friendless. He studied in the *Gymnasium* of Liban in Kurland, to the fourth class thereof, is tolerably versed in Hebrew and German, has a fair start in Latin, Greek and mathematics, and appears to be quite intelligent and desirous to study. His father is a poor immigrant, now in Chicago. The boy appears to me very promising and worthy of your support. He came to me penniless and friendless. I will keep him in my house till you decide what shall be done with him. He could conveniently go along with Grade D, and has the qualifications of the law, because he was in the Gymnasium. I recommend this boy to your particular grace, and, if you resolve so, I will keep him in my house till July next for half price, at \$3 a week. I will also care for his clothing.

There is hope for the future of this College, with the help of God, the Almighty, who may bless you and your handiwork.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, December 3, 1876.

The Board of Governors met, at 7½ P. M., in regular session, B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair. The following members were present: Henry Adler, A. J. Friedlander, Solomon Levi and Adam A. Kramer.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, was present, and stated that he had no written report to present, since the last one, as nothing new of interest or importance had occurred. He invited the members of the Board to be present at the examination of the students on the last Saturday and Sunday of this month, at the College rooms, which invitation was accepted by the Board.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

A. J. Friedlander, for the following bills:

Robt. Clarke & Co., stationery	.....	\$20 65	
J. Lowman & Bro	.....	14 58	
Heidelbach, Friedlander & Co	.....	50 45	\$ 85 68
J. J. Maas, board, etc., for students	.....		304 90
S. Eppinger, one month's salary		58 33
John King, janitor, one month's salary		7 00
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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, {
CINCINNATI, January 7, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Adam A. Kramer, Henry Adler, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, was present, and presented the following report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, {
CINCINNATI, January 5, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor of informing you that since my last report nothing has occurred in the College to attract your special attention or to interrupt the general routine of the institution. The preceptors and the students were punctually at their

posts, and the discipline kept up according to rules and regulations.

In Grade D, Mr. Eppinger has taught and is now reviewing for public examination Exodus, Psalms from chapter i. to xxv., Hebrew grammar, noun and verb complete, *Pirkei Aboth* complete, and several chapters of the *Mechilta*. He will be ready to have a public examination in your presence the last Sunday of this month, 2 p. m.

The Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has been lecturing twice every week on Jewish history to both grades, and has gone over the ground from the beginning of Jewish history to Ezra.

In Grade C, the Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, two hours weekly, has read with the class Joshua, Judges and Joel, and has commenced to read Samuel. I have taught this grade nine hours weekly:

1. MISHNAH, viz., the treatises of *Rosh Hashonah*, *Taanith*, and the last two sections of each *Succah* and *Yoma*, being twelve sections, and have commenced *Meguilloth*.

2. TALMUD, fourteen pages in *Berachoth*.

3. PROVERBS, from chapter ix. to chapter xxiv.

4. ARAMAIC GRAMMAR, the noun and the regular verb.

5. I have taken with both grades literary history from Ezra to the Maccabees.

An examination having been held in your presence on the 30th and 31st ult., it is not necessary for me to report results.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

A. J. Friedlander, for the following bills:

J. Lowman & Bro	\$4 50	
Mendel, Berman & Co	5 50	\$ 10 00
J. J. Maas, for board etc., for students		301 50
J. M. Potter, shoes for students		25 75
Maue & Co., sundries for students		11 75
S. Eppinger, one month's salary		58 33
John King, janitor, one month's salary		7 00

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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, February 11, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Henry Adler, Adam A. Kramer, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, was present, and presented the following report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, February 1, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me to report to your honorable body that in the past month the progress of the College classes has been regular and no interruption in the discipline has occurred, the preceptors and students being punctually at their posts. One of the students left (Wildberg, of Cincinnati,) by order of his father, and Mr. Runes has not progressed any during the past two months. I fear the support given him by this Board does him no benefit, and he is of no good to the College.

Saturday last an examination was held in Grade D (Professor Eppinger's class), and it shows that up to date the class went over the following ground:

Grammar—noun and verb complete.

Pentateuch—twenty-seven chapters in Exodus.

Psalms—twenty-five chapters, from i. to xxv.

Mishnah—the five chapters of *Aboth*.

Mechilta—five sections.

None in the class have failed in the examination. The best scholars are Hahn, of Cleveland, and Grossman, of New York. The hardest work was done by Silverman, of Cincinnati, who came to the class almost unprepared, and ranks now among the best thereof.

The C Grade has continued its studies as reported heretofore, viz.: *Prophets*, by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, Tuesday and Thursday (two hours); *Proverbs*, Monday, Wednesday and Friday (three hours); *Talmud*, the same days (three hours); *Mishnah*, Tuesday and Thursday (two hours); together ten hours, viz., two by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal and eight by myself. Besides, both classes together have three lectures on history, viz., on Saturday and

Sunday (two hours) by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, and one by myself on Friday evening, and Aramaic grammar for Grade C on Monday.

Grade C makes rapid progress in Hebrew and *Mishnah*, so that, after one more year's tuition, the students will be able to read for themselves anywhere in the Bible and *Mishnah*. The Talmud, however, and the Aramaic language offer considerable difficulties, which to overcome takes time and patience, and our time, on account of the high-school studies, is very limited. With the help of God, I hope we will succeed. Praying the Almighty for His blessings to you and the good work you do, I remain,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

Mr. Solomon Levi reported that he had expended the sum of \$25 for Mr. Runes, and \$3 for dentistry for Mr. Aaron, both indigent students, which was allowed.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to investigate the standing of Mr. David Runes at the Hughes High-School, with power to dismiss him from the College if deemed necessary.

On motion of Adam A. Kramer, it was ordered that the Committee on Accommodations be requested to ascertain if any better accommodations can be obtained for the use of the College, and report to this Board.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was ordered that the President of the College be requested to prepare a course of study for the B Grade of the College, and to lay the same before the Committee on the Course of Study for their approval, and report the same as early as practicable to this Board.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

A. J. Friedlander, for the following bills:

Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co.	\$11 50	
Robt. Clarke & Co., books	22 50	\$ 34 00
J. J. Maas, board, etc., for students		312 85
S. Eppinger, one month's salary		58 33
John King, janitor		7 00
Solomon Levi, for Runes and Aaron		28 00

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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, March 4, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Henry Mack, Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, was present, and presented the following report, which was read and ordered to be recorded:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, March 1, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—During the past month no change has occurred in the College. The preceptors have been punctually at their posts, and the students without exception have come up to all the rules in both discipline and attendance.

Mr. Runes has been dropped from the College roll on account of his inability of making any progress in the studies either in College or high-school.

The progress of the students I believe to be satisfactory, and a love for Hebrew and rabbinical studies begins to manifest itself in the upper class, which will bear fruit in proper season.

I have nothing new to report, and beg leave to close with the assurance of my highest respect.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The Committee on Accommodations reported progress, and Mr. Henry Mack was added to the Committee, with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board.

The President of the College reported progress on the course of study for Grade B.

The following communication was received from Adam A. Kramer, Esq., tendering his resignation as a member of this Board:

CINCINNATI, March 2, 1877.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of
the Hebrew Union College :*

GENTLEMEN:—I hereby tender you my resignation as a member of your worthy body. I am reluctantly impelled to this course, realizing for a long period that my professional duties could not be satisfactorily discharged, owing to so many other employments. I find myself, therefore, unable to perform the task further, with justice either to myself or others, and am compelled to withdraw from the active pursuit of some of the dearest objects of my life. In respect to your honorable Board, I can console myself with the reflection that, as in the past, so for all time to come, I shall hope and pray for the success of its noble aims. Besides, I have the honor of being a member of the Executive Board, in which I will continue to do my humble part toward the accomplishment of the same objects. Permit me to assure you that I will always cherish the friendship and goodwill of all your members, ever trusting that the Almighty may attend you and your labors.

With high respect,

ADAM A. KRAMER.

On motion of Solomon Levi, the resignation of Mr. Adam A. Kramer as a member of this Board was accepted, and the Secretary instructed to communicate the same to Mr. Kramer, assuring him, as the sense of this Board, that it is with profound regret that they are compelled to accept his resignation, and that his usefulness and wise counsel, always so cheerfully extended while connected with this Board, will be held in grateful remembrance.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal from the Committee to whom was referred the case of David Runes, to ascertain his standing at Hughes High-School, submitted the following letter, received from Mr. E. W. Coy, Principal of the Hughes High-School, which was read and ordered to be recorded :

HUGHES HIGH-SCHOOL, CINCINNATI, February 14, 1877.

Dr. Lilienthal:

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your inquiries respecting Mr. Runes I would say that he has been in this school for the last year and a half, but, while he seems to be industrious and desirous to learn, he fails to make any perceptible progress in his work. He has not passed out of the lowest grade, and I do not believe that he

will ever be able to accomplish anything here. I have permitted him to remain in the school because he has seemed to be honest and faithful rather than because he has succeeded in doing his work. I think it would be better for him to withdraw from school and give his time to some useful employment.

Very respectfully,

E. W. Coy,
Principal.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the standing of Mr. Runes at the high-school reported that, after a full and fair investigation of the standing of Mr. Runes, as per communication received from the principal, Mr. E. W. Coy, and the report of the President of the Hebrew Union College in his case, they, the Committee, have deemed it expedient to dismiss the said David Runes from the College.

The report of the Committee was received and adopted, the Board concurring with the action of the Committee.

Mr. B. Bettmann stated that he had given \$5 to Mr. Runes, to relieve his immediate wants.

The following communication was received from Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein:

ST. LOUIS, March 2, 1877.

Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

DEAR SIR:--In answer to your notice, I deeply regret that it is impossible for me to attend any meeting of our Board held on a Sunday. Please excuse my absence, and give my regards to the worthy members of the Board.

Yours very truly,
S. WOLFENSTEIN.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

J. J. Maas, boarding twelve students, etc	\$300	40
A. J. Friedlander, for the following bills:		
Robt. Clarke & Co., for books	\$3	00
Mendel, Berman & Co.	1	50
B. Bettmann, for David Runes		5 00
S. Eppinger, one month's salary		58 33
J. King, janitor, one month's salary		7 00
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		\$375 23

There being a vacancy in the Board of Governors occasioned by the resignation of Adam A. Kramer, Esq., the Secretary was requested to communicate the fact to the Executive Board with a request to fill the vacancy as early as practicable.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, April 1, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in special session at 7½ P. M.. B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Henry Adler, Solomon Levi, Jacob Ezekiel, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and A. J. Friedlander.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communications were received from the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

CINCINNATI, March 12, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of the Executive Board held on the 11th inst., Julius Freiberg, Esq., was elected a member of your Board, in place of Adam A. Kramer, Esq., resigned.

Yours, very respectfully,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

CINCINNATI, March 30, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to call your attention to the amendment to the By-Laws, adopted within the past year, whereby the fiscal year closes on the 31st day of May, instead of the 30th day of June as formerly. In accordance therewith the report of your Board should be submitted to the Executive Board at its next meeting, the second Sunday in May. I have deemed it necessary to direct your attention to this in order that the President of the College as well as the officers of your Board might have ample time in which to prepare their reports to you.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

CINCINNATI, March 30, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit for your consideration the inclosed letter from Mr. M. Jacoby, of Blackshear, Ga., in order that you may take such action as may be required for the purpose of carrying into effect the desire therein expressed.

I am,

Yours, very respectfully,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

On motion of Mr. A. J. Friedlander, it was ordered that the Secretary of this Board be requested to communicate with the Executive Board, stating that it is the desire of the Board of Governors to comply with the purport of their communication of the 30th ult., relative to the annual reports of this Board, but can not make a full report of the College for the scholastic year until the latter part of June.

On motion of Solomon Levi, it was ordered that the communication received from Mr. Jacoby, of Blackshear, Ga., be referred to the President of the Hebrew Union College, and he be requested to carry out the wishes of Mr. Jacoby as may be practicable, and that the inclosed \$15, donated to the Indigent Students' Fund by Mr. Jacoby, as desired by his wife, Lena, while living, be handed over to the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, submitted his report, when, on motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the reading was deferred until the special meeting, to be held on the 11th of April.

The Committee on Accommodations reported progress.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz :

J. J. Maas, for board of twelve students, etc., \$25 each	\$300 00
“ for hair-cutting	1 25
S. Eppinger, salary as preceptor	58 33
A. J. Friedlander, for clothing	\$44 00
for J. Lowman & Bro.	7 00
J. King, janitor	7 00
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	\$417 48

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, {
CINCINNATI, April 11, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in special session at 7½ P. M., B. Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members present: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Henry Adler, Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander and Jacob Ezekiel. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

President Bettmann stated that the object of the meeting was for the purpose of receiving the report of the President of the Hebrew Union College and such other business as may be brought forward.

The report of the President of the College was read and ordered to be recorded:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, {
CINCINNATI, April 1, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report to your honorable body that the classes in the College have remained unchanged since my last report, that at no time either one of the preceptors or of the students were absent or tardy, and, with the exception of four sessions during the *Pesach* feast, no school hour was missed.

The spirit of the students is very favorable. They are well interested in their studies, and their progress, both here and in the high-school, is highly satisfactory.

Permit me to suggest that the College remain in its present locality during the balance of the year, as the light is now much better, and any change during the term would cause an interruption.

I would also respectfully suggest to this body to appoint a committee in order to inspect the Bondi Library, which contains quite a number of valuable books, which should be placed in our College library.

The next year, according to the law, Grade B of the Preparatory Department is to be opened, and the curriculum should be, in my estimation, this:

Grades D and C as heretofore. Grade B:

1. *Talmud—Berachoth* continued.

2. *Mishnah*—Selections from *Seder Nezikin*, which contains the civil and criminal laws.

3. *Bible*—Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, Isaiah and the five *Megilloth*.

4. *Grammar*—Comparative Hebrew and Aramaic.

5. *History*, to 1500 A. C.

The division of time is to be the same as in Grades C and D.

The work under the grace of God being progressive, and your labor bearing proper fruit, I propose to have the annual examination the last week in June, to close with a public demonstration by the students, as last year, which is encouraging to them and the public.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, it was ordered that the suggestion of the President of the College in his report relative to the change of location of the College be laid over until next meeting, and the suggestion contained in same report relative to the inspection of the Bondi Library, by a committee to be appointed for that purpose, was concurred in, and the suggestion in regard to the curriculum be referred to the Committee on Course of Study, and the suggestion in regard to the examination of the students be laid over until the first Sunday in May.

The President appointed the following members a committee to examine the Bondi Library: Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, and Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal.

The President of the Hebrew Union College was requested to report his views in regard to the appointment of an additional teacher for the next session of the College at our next meeting.

On motion of Mr. A. J. Friedlander, it was ordered that after the next annual examination of the students, the commencement exercises be held in one of the temples.

The Committee on Accommodations reported progress.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, May 6, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M. The following members were present: Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Adler, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Julius

Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

B. Bettmann, Esq., President of the Board, sent an excuse for absence.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Solomon Levi was requested to take the Chair.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary stated that he had corresponded with the American Sunday-school Union and Presbyterian Board of Publication, of Philadelphia, for the purpose of obtaining the printed documents relative to the workings of their institutions, for the use of this Board, and that he had received several documents and communications from both institutions.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was ordered that the documents be received and the thanks of this Board be extended to the American Sunday-school Union and Presbyterian Board of Publication for the same, and the communications be filed.

On motion of Mr. A. J. Friedlander, it was ordered that the President of the Hebrew Union College be requested to furnish this Board with a full programme for the closing exercises of the College session.

The Committee on Accommodations reported progress.

The Committee appointed to examine the Bondi Library reported progress.

The following accounts, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid :

J. J. Maas, for board, etc., for twelve students.....	\$302 50
J. M. Potter, shoes for students.....	44 45
P. Halligan, for tailoring.....	11 50
K. K. Bene Israel, twelve months' rent for rooms.....	165 00
S. Eppinger, salary as preceptor.....	58 33
John King, salary as janitor.....	7 00
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	\$588 78

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, presented his report, which was received and read.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, the Secretary was requested to transmit a copy of the report to the Executive Board

for publication, and to spread the same on the minutes of this Board.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

[Approved]

Secretary of the Board of Governors.

B. BETTMANN, President.

Report of the President of the Hebrew Union College.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of
the Hebrew Union College :*

GENTLEMEN :—In obedience to the laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations governing this College, I have the honor of presenting to you this Second Annual Report. Permit me, gentlemen, first to express to you my thanks for the confidence placed in me by your appointment to this post of honor, and the energetic support you have given, also in the past year, to the preceptors, students and myself. I am happy to confess that our co-operation, Board and teachers, was harmonious, without a moment's discord, as it was cordial, courteous and with mutual respect, because every one desired to discharge his duties in the name of God and Israel. There is earnestness and devotion in this work, which accounts for the success you have so eminently achieved. It is a work of piety done with self-denial.

It appears to me no visitor, sensible of the holy cause of Israel and humanity, could inspect the classes of the Hebrew Union College without feeling deeply moved by the unusual sight presented. He finds, for the first time in American history, a number of young and intelligent students, all pursuing their classical and scientific studies in the higher institutes of learning, devoting two hours daily to Hebrew and rabbinical sources, in order to preserve intact and to promulgate the religion and literary treasures of Israel; to be the future expounders, advocates and banner-bearers of Judaism in this new country which prepares the future of the human family. This proves to the observer *כִּי לֹא אֵלֶם יִשְׂרָאֵל*, "that Israel is no widower;" he has not yet lost his faithful and cheering consort, the THORAH, and so there is hope for the future. That which has been so seriously doubted, viz., that our American lads would or could study Torah and Talmud, has been proved a groundless apprehension, for here they are, and here is the result of but two year's labor. Two years ago we received a number of young boys, most of whom had but little knowledge of the Hebrew, some almost none, and those same boys read now, with more or less fluency, the Hebrew Bible in its three divisions, the MISHNAH in its various portions, and have overcome the beginner's difficulties in the reading of the Talmud. I think that at no European institution more is done with beginners in the same space of time; hence, the talent and willingness of our American youth also in this department of learning is so far vindicated.

Every Jewish heart, I believe, perceiving this novel sight, must swell with just pride, feel inspired with new hopes and touched at every chord. If one furthermore considers that among these earnest and promising lads there are a number of indigent students, rising talents, who would be lost to the cause of Israel, perhaps lost to the front ranks of humanity, if it were not for the munificence of this institution's generous patrons, who provide so well for these students, he must certainly feel deeply touched and exclaim, This is a *Beth Elohim*, a temple of humanity, a fortress of Israel, for which God will bless the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the generous donors and patrons of this institute, its officers, teachers and students.

Therefore, while I render praise and adoration to the Eternal God for the success of this new Zion, from which shall go forth the Law, I humbly acknowledge before Him my unworthiness of having been placed at the head of an institute whose work shall announce to future generations the grace of the Almighty and the fidelity of His people, also under the sunshine of freedom and prosperity. In this consciousness I now render account in detail to you, gentlemen, for the work of the past year:

I.—PRECEPTORS AND SUBJECTS OF STUDY.

Three preceptors have instructed during the past school-year two classes of the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew-Union College, viz., Grades D and C.

1. Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal taught Grade C "Prophets" two hours weekly. He read with the class Judges, Samuel, portions of Kings and seven of the Minor Prophets, viz., Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Micah, Nahum and Habakkuk. The Doctor also lectured to both grades Saturday and Sunday on post-biblical history from Zerubabel to 40 A. C.

2. Preceptor Solomon Eppinger taught Grade D:

(a) HEBREW GRAMMAR (Deutsch's) complete.

(b) THORAH—Exodus i. to xxv., xxxii. to xxxiv. (twenty-eight chapters); Leviticus xvi. to xix., xxiv., xxv. and xxvii. (seven chapters); Numbers x. to xii., xxxv. and xxxvi. (five chapters); Deuteronomy complete—hence in all seventy-four chapters.

(c) PSALMS i. to li., c., cxiii. to cxviii., cxxxv., cxxxvii., cxxxix., civ., cxx., lxxiii. and cxlv. to the end—seventy-four chapters.

(d) MISHNAH—*Aboth*, *Sanhedrin* seven chapters, and *Sotah* three chapters—fifteen chapters.

(e) MECHILTA—*Pesichta*, in Jethro i. and ii.; in *Mishpatim* i., iv., v., vi., vii., ix. and x.—ten chapters.

Preceptor Solomon Eppinger taught ten hours weekly, viz., five hours Bible, alternately *Thorah* and Psalms, and five hours *Mishnah* and *Mechilta* alternately, with time between the two hours for Hebrew grammar.

3. Isaac M. Wise taught Grade C.

(a) ARAMAIC GRAMMAR (Luzzatto's, in Goldammer's English rendition) complete.

(b) THORAH—Portions referring to sacrifices and the tabernacle.

(c) Joshua and the Proverbs of Solomon, complete analytical reading.

(d) MISHNAH—*Pesachim*, chapters i. to iv. and x.; *Joma* i., ii., vii. and viii.; *Succah* iv. and v.; *Rosh Hashonah* *Taanith*, *Megillah*, *Moed Katan* and *Chagigah* complete—thirty-one chapters.

(e) TALMUD—The first chapter of *Berachoth*, and of the fourth chapter, from the beginning of 28a, twenty-five pages.

(f) Literary history, from Zerubabel to the close of the *Mishnah*.

This was taught in nine hours weekly, viz., Bible three, Talmud three, *Mishnah* two, and history one, with the time between for Aramaic grammar.

Both, preceptors and students, were punctual in attendance, excepting a few days of sickness. The time allotted to the College sessions is so brief that every moment must be punctually utilized.

II.—STUDENTS.

From the students registered in September last, Frederic Strassburg and Isaac Wildberg withdrew, and David Runes was suspended for lack of success.

There are now in

GRADE C

ISRAEL AARON, of Lancaster, Pa., age 17, university, Sophomore.

HENRY BERKOWITZ, of Pittsburg, Pa., age 21, high-school, Grade B.

NATHAN COHN, of Nashville, Tenn., age 17, high-school graduate.

DAVID EICHBERG, of Cincinnati, O., age 14, high-school, Grade C.

JOSEPH FRIEDLANDER, of Cincinnati, O., age 15, high-school, Grade C.

EDWARD HEINSHEIMER, of Cincinnati, O., age 16, high-school, Grade B.

JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF, foreign born, age 19, high-school, Grade C.

LOUIS MARKS, of Cincinnati, O., age 14, high-school, Grade C.

DAVID PHILIPSON, of Columbus, O., age 14, high-school, Grade C.

JOSEPH ROTHSCHILD, of Baltimore, Md., age 17, high-school Grade C.

ISAAC RUBINSTEIN, foreign born, age 21, high-school, Grade D.

ALEXANDER ULLMAN, of St. Louis, Mo., age 16, high-school, Grade B.

GRADE D.

LOUIS GROSSMAN, of New York, age 15, high-school, Grade D.

MOSES HAHN, of Philadelphia, Pa., age 14, high-school, Grade C.

HERMAN HIRSCHBERG, of Zanesville, O., age 15, high-school, Grade C.

MORRIS LUXEMBERG, foreign born, age 28.

LOUIS SILVERMAN, of Cincinnati, O., age 16, high-school, Grade C.

MORRIS SACHS, foreign born, age 14.

FREDRIC STADLER, of St. Louis, Mo., age 15, high-school, Grade D.

ISAAC STERN, of Cincinnati, O., age 14, high-school, Grade D.

JULIA ETTLINGER, of Cincinnati, O., age 13.

Grade D is prepared to enter, September next, Grade C, and the present Grade C, with but few exceptions, is prepared to enter Grade B.

III.—THE NEW GRADE.

Therefore a new grade, Grade B, of the Preparatory Department is to be opened in September next, which will be next to the highest of this department, so that next year the department can be completed. Before I can report on course of studies and text-books for the new grade, I beg leave to make a few general remarks on

IV.—THE METHOD.

This department is a new experiment, because

1. It begins with lads little prepared for Hebrew and not at all for rabbinical studies.
2. It has but two hours daily for its sessions.

3. Its students, obliged to maintain their respective positions in the high-school or university, have very little time left to study these College lessons, so that most of the work must be done during the two school hours.

Therefore it was necessary to adopt the most efficient method for the communication of knowledge. The first object of the student in this department is to know as much as possible of the original sources, viz., Bible, *Mishnah* and Talmud, and to acquire the ability of reading the original sources without any teacher's aid. The rule of the ancient rabbis, לנמר אינש דדרר לסבר, "The material first, and then the speculation," appears to be correct; therefore, to read much and understand analytically well is the main point in this department, leaving profound speculations and theories to the Collegiate Department.

The two necessary assistants in the study of any literature are grammar and history; but they are assistants only and must be treated as such. The abstract study of either grammar or literary history appears to me a waste of time, if they are not perpetually applied to the literature to which they belong. Therefore all reading in this department is done with continual reference to grammar and history, and very little time is given to those sciences in the abstract.

Half of the time in this department is devoted to Bible study, because the student must become acquainted with the whole Bible in this department, and to read its original text anywhere without any further aid. The other half of the time is devoted to rabbinical writings, divided in Grade D between *Mechilta* and *Mishnah*, and in Grade C between Talmud and *Mishnah*. To start out with RASHI or any other rabbinical commentary, I consider a loss of time, for all those commentaries are, in the main, abstracts from the rabbinical sources. *Mechilta* is one of Rashi's main sources, and contains besides continual application of the exegetical rules (סדרי), an excellent groundwork of Jewish ethics in the original *Hagadah* style, and all that in a copious new Hebrew diction. Therefore on the side of the *Mishnah* it is the best preparation for Talmud reading, preparing in the contents and logic of the Talmud, and offers the benefit of being an original source from the *Tenaim* period.

In the *Mishnah*, *Aboth* was selected as a start on account of its ethical and historical value. Next *Sanhedrin* was selected, because it offers the key to main portions of the Mishnaic laws by its statutes on the organization of the courts of justice, the procedure and testimony. The three closing chapters of *Sotah* were added, because they contain valuable historical notices and commentaries to Bible passages, partly expounded also in *Sanhedrin*. Linguistically also the treatises mentioned are well calculated for beginners, because they mostly contain Bible Hebrew.

SEDER MOED was selected for Grade C in order to make the students acquainted with the ancient laws and customs concerning holidays, feast and fast days, of which, as a general thing, the American youth knows very little, and without which progress in the rabbinical literature is very difficult.

BERACHOTH was selected from the Talmud to start with, because (a) it contains in its *Hagadoth* and *Halachoth* the fundamental material of Jewish theology; (b) it contains the main technical terms used in the Talmud; (c) it contains quite a number of purely Aramaic passages well adapted for exercises; (d) its dialectics offer less difficulty to the beginners than that of other treatises, and its subjects are mostly familiar.

We went directly to the Talmud because (a) the reading of primary sources is always preferable to the reading of secondary sources; (b) the Talmud analytically read offers no more difficulty to beginners than *Rashi* or any similar commentary; (c) if one has read for years *Rashi* or similar commentaries, he can not read a page of Talmud yet; but, if one has a considerable knowledge of Bible and Talmud, he reads with ease any and everything in Jewish literature, to which he is prepared by his academical studies. Besides the Bible and the Talmud, Plato and Aristotle, the sources of Jewish *literati* were very meager; hence, whoever can read them well is amply prepared to read everything comprised within the denomination of Jewish literature, philosophy and *Cabbalah* included, although in regard to the former a brief study of its terminology might be required, such as laid down in *סלח דהניח* by Moses Maimonides and in *רמח דן* by Jacob Antoli. This is not to be understood to the exclusion

of the Arabic and Syriac, but these properly belong to the academical course, hence to the university. We are engaged now with the Preparatory Department, where students are to be prepared to read understandingly any Jewish book, and to this purpose Bible and Talmud are THE text-books, in my humble opinion.

Permit me, gentlemen, under this head to make a few remarks on modern literature, like the excellent works of Carmoly, Frankel, Geiger, Graetz, Herzfeld, Jost, Loew, Luzzatto, Munk, Rapaport, Reggio, Zunz and others. These works convey invaluable information to amateurs, and are to the systematical student instructive, suggestive and labor-saving—that is to those who are themselves well acquainted with the original sources, and can judge critically the material which they systematize and on which they built theories; hence, to those who in the first instance are well acquainted with Bible and Talmud. None can become a Jewish scholar from our modern literature, and none can use it to proper advantage unless he is himself a Jewish scholar. Therefore, again, Bible and Talmud first, as the main text-books of the Preparatory Department.

Theology is carefully excluded from this Department on the principle advanced above

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All theology consists of theories basing upon certain scriptures. Jewish theology consists of a system of theories basing upon Jewish scriptures. The Jewish literature is the basis of Jewish theology. It is illegitimate to speculate and theorize without the proper basis. Hence, the inevitable conclusion that those only who have a respectable knowledge of Jewish literature must be admitted to the study of Jewish theology, in order not to educate sophists.

How successful this method has proved hitherto your Committee on Examination will report to you, and the three Examiners appointed by the Council at Washington will report to the Council at Philadelphia.

V.—THE CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The classical and academical education being of great importance to the success of this College, I beg leave to report these facts: 1. The public institutes of the city of Cincinnati occupy an advanced position on the scale of modern education. They are unsectarian, free and eminently scientific. 2. The officers, professors, teachers, principals and superintendent are very kind to our students, treating them with kindness and special care, for which I beg leave to express my thanks and acknowledgment.

VI.—PROPOSITIONS.

Permit me, gentlemen, to propose for the coming school-year

1. That the first Monday in September next Grades D, C and B shall be opened in this Preparatory Department, Grade D to be composed of Freshmen and non-graduates of the present Grade D; Grade C to consist of the graduates of Grade D and such candidates who pass a satisfactory examination for the grade; and Grade B to consist of the graduates of Grade C and such who pass a satisfactory examination for the grade.

2. That the course of study, your committee agreeing, in Grades D and C remain unchanged. In Grade B time unchanged, and course of study—Hebrew and Aramaic Grammar comparative, and *מלת ההנין*; Bible—Isaiah and the *Megilloth* (except *Kohleth*), also Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah; *Mishnah*—Selections from *Seder Nezikin*; Talmud—*Berachoth* continued; history and literary history to 500 A. C.

3. That Preceptor Solomon Eppinger be re-elected, and to advance with his class to Grade C. For the new Grade D, I propose the election of a new preceptor to be named hereafter; and for Grade B, I offer again my services as preceptor, hoping that Rev. Dr. Lilienthal will again give me his support.

VII.—THE LIBRARY.

The library of the College comprises now, besides the textbooks in the hands of the indigent students, two hundred and

forty-seven volumes, all the donations of ladies and gentlemen who feel an interest in Jewish literature. This nucleus to a library is of great importance to the institute, which could not prosper without it. At the same time, however, I beg you, gentlemen, to make some efforts to enlarge it either by appropriating annually a sum of money for library purposes as may be stipulated by the Council, or by addressing a circular to our co-religionists here and abroad to present to the College library all such books which are of any interest to students of Hebrew and rabbinical lore. I have written to various gentlemen abroad without success, and have failed at home in obtaining more than what was reported this and last year. One publication society even refused me a few copies of its publications which I intended to recommend to you as a text-book for the College and to place in the hands of indigent students. I have no doubt that a circular from the Board of Governors, the Executive Board or the Council, would meet with better success. In the public libraries of this city, as everywhere in this country, Hebrew and rabbinical literature is utterly neglected, because neither the clergy nor other students, nor even the professors of Semitic languages can make any use of the chief portion of the Semitic literature. Therefore the brilliant host of Jewish writers that has enriched the literary treasury of the human family is almost unnoticed and unknown in this country, and a vast portion of the intellectual productions is lost to man. If it were only to remedy this evil, and in honor of the greatest minds in Israel who have left their choice thoughts to posterity in literary monuments, a large Hebrew library ought to be established, and it ought to be in connection with the Hebrew Union College. The interests of this College and the honor of Israel require it.

CONCLUSION.

In passing judgment on last year's work of this department, I beg you, gentlemen, to remember that "Every beginning has its difficulties," which is especially true in this case, when the prejudices of many were against this sacred enterprise and He-

brew lore was so much neglected. It will take time before our co-religionists will understand again that Israel's pride is to have preserved intact the Torah, and that the Torah in return preserves Israel, and, until this spirit shall be again fully roused in the American Israel, we must patiently wait and hopefully work. A sacred cause is imperishable and its workmen are immortal also, if it be not in their power to accomplish their task. With the help of God we will prevail, with the help of the Eternal the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will bring peace and concord to all, and the Hebrew Union College will educate banner-bearers of truth, peace and humanity.

ה' עז לעמו יתן ה' יברך את עמו בשלום

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

Report of Committee on Conference with Board of Delegates and Hebrew Theological Semi- nary Association of New York.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—The Committee appointed by the Council, held at the city of Washington, D. C., to confer with similar committees of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites and the Hebrew Theological Seminary Association of New York, respectfully beg leave to report:

Soon after the adjournment of the Council we notified the

Theological Seminary Association and the committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of our appointment and functions, and of our willingness to attend a meeting of the Joint Committee at such time and place as might be agreed upon. This notice was received and considered with great politeness by the Executive Committee of the Theological Seminary Association, who, however, deemed it improper to appoint such committee before their next convention, to be held in October, 1876, but which, for reasons not known to us, did not meet, and no committee was appointed by said organization.

The Board of Delegates of American Israelites had previously appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Mayer Sulzberger, of Philadelphia, Leopold Bamberger, of New York, and Simon Wolf, of Washington, which committee, together with Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein of our committee, held a joint session in the city of New York, on Sunday, February 11, 1877, at which session the following

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Was agreed upon :

“The objects of the two organizations may be stated briefly, as follows: The Board of Delegates have, in the main, considered it their duty to cultivate friendly relations with our co-religionists in other countries, succoring those in distress and encouraging the oppressed, much like the French Alliance and the English Board of Deputies. To this they have added the duty of seeing that public attention is called to any infraction of our rights and liberties in the United States or any of them. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, on the other hand, have in view the growth of Hebrew education in our own country, and the forming of a more perfect union among the various organizations of Jews devoted to educational and religious purposes.

“Your Committee are of the opinion that no sound reason exists why these two classes of duties should not be exercised by one representative body, and, in accordance with this view, we have agreed to recommend that :

“1. The functions heretofore exercised by the Board of Dele-

gates shall be assumed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and that so soon as the Constitution of the Union shall be properly amended for that purpose, the Board of Delegates shall cease to exercise its functions.

"2. The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall at its first meeting after the ratification by the congregations of the foregoing proposition elect a board of nine members, three of whom shall at the same time be members of the Executive Board, to be styled the 'Board of Delegates,' or any other appropriate name, who shall perform all the various functions heretofore exercised by the Board of Delegates, and whose office shall be either in New York or Philadelphia. At the first election there shall be chosen three members of the Board to serve for three years, three for two years and three for one year, after which all elections to said Board shall be for three years.

"3. The rules and regulations for the government of said Board shall be prepared and only be changed by the Council.

"4. The Hebrew Theological Seminary Association of New York, not having taken any action in response to our invitation for co-operation, we nevertheless recommend that as soon as a sufficient number of Eastern congregations shall have joined the Union, the latter shall establish or support a preparatory department of the Hebrew Union College in the city of New York, or any other Eastern city, to be managed by a local Board of Directors, to be elected by the Council, and to be governed by such rules as may be hereafter adopted.

"With the great power and income properly derivable from such a large organization, as it is possible to perfect on our plan, it will be practicable, not only to carry out all the objects heretofore contemplated by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, but also to defray the expenses of the Jewish Publication Society out of the general fund, and we speak advisedly in declaring that the officers of that organization are in earnest sympathy with the movement we advocate.

"For the first time in our history we have the opportunity to act without reference to the claims of individuals, congregations, parties or localities, and to form an organization of Jews which

shall be as wide as the land in extent and as far-reaching as Judaism in its objects.

"If we neglect the occasion, it will come to our successors after many days, but they will lay upon us the just reproach of having delayed the true progress of Judaism, of having hindered the cause of Jewish learning, and of having failed in our duty as descendants of a long line of illustrious ancestors, and as fore-runners of a community of Jewish Americans, who may justly be expected to do honor to their lineage and religion."

The substance of this report was agreed upon in the meeting of the Joint Committee, but, in consequence of misunderstandings that subsequently arose, the committees did not agree in composing the details.

Regretting that our efforts were not crowned with more success, we hope, nevertheless, that time, patience and perseverance will finally bring about that union of all American Israelites so much to be desired, and we would recommend to the Council to continue its efforts to bring about this result.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LEVI,	}	Committee.
S. WOLFENSTEIN,		
JOSIAH COHEN,		

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

REPRESENTATIVES:—The undersigned, your Committee, appointed in pursuance of the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Council, assembled in Washington in 1876 :

WHEREAS, The Board of Delegates of American Israelites at their last session appointed a committee to collect statistics concerning the American Israelites; and,

WHEREAS, It is eminently fitting that a record of our people should be compiled for future reference; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations offer their co-operation to the Board of Delegates, and that the President of this Council appoint a committee of three from this Union for the purpose of carrying out the objects of this resolution :

beg leave to submit the following as their

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The Committee was organized by electing Mr. William B. Hackenburg, of Philadelphia, Pa., of the Committee of the Board of Delegates, as its Chairman, to whom was intrusted the entire management of the work. This was rendered necessary in consequence of the peculiarity of the undertaking, making it advisable that the information sought should be reported to one person directly, and the other members of the Committee residing in other cities, made it practically impossible to hold meetings for consultation, although the means adopted

by which the information sought to be obtained were submitted to your Committee and were approved by its members.

And right here, we may be permitted to say that whatever may be the opinion of your Committee as to the *result* of his labors, too much credit can not be given to Mr. Hackenburg for the zeal and ardor displayed by him in this matter, and the time and labor devoted by him to carry out to its fullest extent the end which was sought to be attained when the Committees were appointed.

The following extracts from the report to the Board of Delegates by its Committee presents in substance the result of the labors of the joint committee, showing what responses were given to the circulars and blanks spread broadcast over the country for the purpose of obtaining "statistics concerning the American Israelites:"

* * * We were enabled to distribute 425 blanks and circulars, including about 300 congregations and 125 institutions, such as hospitals, orphan asylums, schools, homes for the aged and infirm, and other charitable societies; in this manner we reached 253 cities and towns. Returns have been received from 174 congregations, and 157 from institutions and societies. * * * *

Attention was given to several subjects of interest other than ascertaining the mere number of Jews in the country. Dates of organization of congregations were asked for, and it may be here interesting to insert a few that were established before 1800. The oldest record is that of Shearith Israel, of New York, prior to 1684; this is followed by Shaary Shomayim, of Lancaster, Pa., prior to 1776; Rodef Sholom, of Philadelphia, Pa., 1780; Beth Elohim, of Charleston, S. C., 1789; Mickve Israel, of Savannah, Ga., 1790; Beth Sholom, of Richmond, Va., 1791; all these are still in existence and in good condition. There is a very old synagogue in Newport, R. I., but no record of it has been received. The number of persons who assist in maintaining our congregations, the value of real estate and other property belonging to these bodies and to our institutions, was obtained; and a still more important point reached, the attention given the religious training of young Israel; the number of children educated under congregational control, number of teachers and the course of instruction; yet a large surplusage privately instructed must of a necessity be without record. A directory of probably nine-tenths of all the congregations in the country with the names and addresses of their presidents and secretaries, and of prominent Jews in places where there are none, has been secured. Interesting information was also obtained of all institutions exclusively under the control of our co-religionists; these with the statistics which have been collated of the Jewish Orders present a record extremely satisfactory. Another feature, characteristic of the Jews—wherever a handful of our people reside they are joined together in doing deeds of charity and good work; in many places where no congregation exists religious schools have been established, evincing thereby their interest in Jewish affairs.

"A book has been prepared in which the replies to the questions in the forms have been classified into cities and States. This register is submitted as

a part of this report. We have also arranged and annex to this the total result of our work into a condensed statement of the statistics of each State, from which we glean: Reports were received from 174 congregations and 99 institutions, societies and individuals, and from 58 other bodies directly connected with congregations; 11,507 persons are reported as members or seat-holders in congregations; 11,341 children are attending religious schools under the charge of 597 teachers. The value of property of all kinds belonging to congregations and institutions is \$5,897,400 and the population numbers 189,576. If to this be added twenty-five per cent. for places not heard from and for individuals scattered through the country, which we think is a fair allowance, we can estimate the Jewish census of the United States to be about 240,000. It is to be regretted that no returns have been received from any of the five Cincinnati congregations, but few from Baltimore, which has eleven, but one from New Orleans out of its five, two from San Francisco, which support a like number, although the population of all but the two latter places are included in the returns.

"There are under the exclusive control of Jews fourteen public institutions, some of which are not sectarian in their benefits. They are: Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York; Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia; Hebrew Hospital, Baltimore; Jewish Hospital, Cincinnati; Touro Infirmary, New Orleans; Hebrew Orphan Asylum, New York; Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia; B'nai Berith Orphan Asylum, Cleveland; Orphan Asylum, Baltimore; Orphan Asylum, San Francisco; Widows' Home and Orphan Asylum, New Orleans; Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, New York; Jewish Home for the Aged and Infirm, connected with Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia.

"There are fifteen newspapers and magazines devoted to the cause of Judaism, published and edited by Jews: the *Jewish Messenger*, New York; the *Reformer and Jewish Times*, New York; the *Hebrew Leader*, New York; the *Young Israel*, New York; the *Jewish Gazette*, New York; the *Jewish Record*, Philadelphia; the *Association Review*, Philadelphia; the *American Israelite*, Cincinnati; *Die Deborah*, Cincinnati; the *Hebrew Sabbath School Visitor*, Cincinnati; the *Jewish Chronicle*, Baltimore; the *Hebrew Observer*, San Francisco; the *Hebrew*, San Francisco; the *Progress*, San Francisco; the *Occident*, Chicago.

"There are four Jewish orders, all secret societies. Their objects are the advancement of Judaism, mutual assistance and charity:

"1. Independent Order B'nai Berith, having seven grand lodges, 271 lodges, and 20,000 members; \$160,500 were paid by this order in 1875 for sick and endowment benefits, and held in January, 1876, \$535,700 in cash or investments.

"2. Independent Order Free Sons of Israel has two grand lodges, 86 lodges, 8,604 members, paid in 1875 \$59,500 for sick and endowment benefits, and had January, 1876, \$58,350 on hand.

"3. Order Keshet Shel Barzel has five grand lodges, 152 lodges and 10,000 members; no financial statement could be obtained as the central supreme body has but recently been organized.

"4. Improved Order Free Sons of Israel has one grand lodge, 34 lodges, 2,632 members, paid in 1875 \$19,500 for sick and endowment benefits, and had January, 1876, \$23,500 on hand."

Mississippi	10	9	6	1	4	0	206	\$ 24,600	194	15	1,707
Louisiana	19	9	9	4	2	3	252	64,600	185	18	1,915
Texas	12	8	3	1	4	4	172	75,000	216	16	2,107
Cincinnati	9	4	0	5	4	0	.....	47,000	.....	.....	8,000
Ohio	20	16	11	4	5	0	401	80,200	506	30	5,545
Cleveland O. A. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310,000	.....	.....	1,444
Indiana	15	9	6	3	3	3	213	57,400	276	10	10,000
Chicago	5	5	5	0	5	0	425	242,000	442	13	1,008
Illinois	12	8	3	2	6	1	65	10,200	105	8	2,921
Kentucky	5	4	3	1	1	0	218	148,000	263	14	3,430
Tennessee	8	5	4	1	2	1	256	7,500	340	17	2,571
Michigan	6	4	4	0	0	1	192	33,600	251	14	2,415
Wisconsin	5	5	3	0	2	0	95	53,000	99	9	400
Minnesota	2	2	1	0	1	0	28	3,300	16	2	777
Iowa	7	6	3	0	3	1	69	16,000	65	3	.....
St. Louis	3	3	3	3	5	0	385	162,000	225	6	6,200
Missouri	3	3	2	0	2	0	93	16,000	85	6	713
Arkansas	5	4	4	0	2	1	165	22,000	150	8	1,171
Kansas	2	2	1	0	1	0	47	12,400	65	6	545
California	20	6	5	4	1	10	515	282,500	588	15	597
Oregon	2	1	1	1	0	0	60	10,200	65	1	625
Nebraska	1	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nevada	3	3	1	0	2	0	29	.....	.....	.....	563
Utah	1	1	0	0	1	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	180
Colorado	1	1	1	0	0	0	31	4,800	35	1	260
New Mexico .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	108
Total	398	273	174	71	157	49	11,507	5,897,400	11,311	597	189,576

*No congregation in the State or Territory.

No estimate of population in N. Orleans
 5 congregations in N. O., 1 reported
 Cincinnati has 5 congregations, none
 reported. H. U. C. has 22 students,
 3 teachers. The \$17,000 represents value
 belonging to institutes and societies.

Cleveland O. A. owns property, \$310,000
 Indianapolis congregation, no returns.

Louisville, 2 congregations: 1 reported
 Memphis has three, two reported.

In addition, society property, \$10,000.

San Francisco, five congregations: 2
 two reported. No estimate from
 San Francisco.

The question now presented to your Committee is: "Shall the work be continued?" To answer this properly we must take into consideration whether it is in our power to gather statistics of such reliability as to make their preservation an object. Statistics to be of any value should approximate accuracy. Unless they do this they are injurious, for, being published under the sanction of a responsible organization, they will be relied upon, and, if incorrect, will mislead those who place faith in them.

Statistics regarding the Israelites of America should show:

First. Population.

Second. Congregational organizations and schools and other institutions under their control.

Third. Benevolent organizations united under some constitutional body.

Fourth. Independent organizations.

Regarding population, we submit, that scattered as our co-religionists are throughout the length and breadth of the land, there is no machinery at the command of any committee that you can appoint by which the numbers can be even approximately obtained. To do this requires no less than the means employed by the United States Government in taking its decennial census. No better illustration of this can be shown than by the following article taken from one of our weekly Jewish periodicals:

"According to the census of 1870 there were no Jewish synagogues or other Hebrew organizations in Arizona, Dakota, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Vermont, Washington Territory, or Wyoming. But, in point of fact, there are many Jews in all, or nearly all, these States and Territories. The following table will show the number of Jewish organizations in the United States, the number of their synagogues with their sittings and their value according to the census of 1870:

<i>States.</i>	<i>Organiza- tions.</i>	<i>Synagogues.</i>	<i>Sittings.</i>	<i>Value.</i>
Alabama	2	2	1,650	\$ 30,000
Arkansas	1	1	300	6,500
California.....	7	7	3,600	314,600
Colorado.....	1	—	—	—
Connecticut	5	3	1,850	105,000
District of Columbia.....	2	1	800	18,000
Georgia	6	5	1,400	52,700
Illinois	10	9	3,950	271,500
Indiana.....	5	4	1,900	113,000
Iowa	5	1	150	1,900
Kansas.....	2	1	300	1,500
Kentucky.....	3	3	1,500	134,000
Louisiana.....	5	5	2,200	75,000
Maine.....	23	23	7,315	36,400
Maryland	5	4	2,750	650,000
Massachusetts	5	2	1,500	33,000
Michigan.....	5	3	1,300	51,000
Missouri.....	4	4	2,100	217,100
New Jersey.....	1	1	300	8,000
New York.....	47	33	21,400	1,831,950
North Carolina	1	1	200	500
Ohio	7	7	4,000	360,584
Pennsylvania	15	14	7,750	681,000
Rhode Island.....	1	—	—	—
South Carolina.....	3	3	900	91,200
Tennessee.....	4	4	1,100	21,000
Texas	1	1	400	6,000
Vermont.....	8	7	1,890	35,300
West Virginia	1	—	—	—
Wisconsin.....	4	3	750	8,500
Total.....	189	152	73,265	\$5,155,234

According to this statement, showing that in 1870 there were 73,265 *sittings* in our synagogue, the *population* at this time must certainly approximate half a million, yet upon the reports obtained by the joint committee, its chairman estimates the Jewish population of the United States at 240,000.

It is true that the government has, so far as we have been informed, not taken the census of the population by religious distinctions, but we believe by properly directed efforts that can be obtained in 1880, when the next national census will be taken.

The data, showing the membership, property, schools, etc., belonging to congregations, can only be obtained with regularity and correctness by means of reports rendered by them to some organization of which these congregations form a part. To attempt to obtain any satisfactory information from congregations who will impart it as a favor and not as a duty is, in the opinion of your Committee, a labor that can not meet with satisfactory results. Since the formation of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations statistics regarding its members have been obtained and printed with the annual reports. Only those who have been charged with the labor of gathering this information know with what trouble it had been attended, and judging by the exertion necessary to obtain reports from those *required* to furnish them, we deem it utterly futile to attempt to inaugurate a system by which periodical reports are to be made to us from those who will not be likely to respond with sufficient promptness to the requests of any organization to which they are not attached by ties of membership.

Statistical information regarding the Orders of B'nai B'rith, Free Sons of Israel and Keshet Shel Barzel are at hand in the annual printed reports of these benevolent societies, and do not need any action on our part except to reprint them if that should be thought desirable.

There remains, therefore, only those institutions which are not under the control of the congregations and benevolent orders. These being located mainly, if not solely, in large cities, information concerning them can be easily gathered when it is deemed desirable.

For these reasons your Committee can not recommend the continuation of this work, because :

First. The information attainable can not be depended on for accuracy.

Second. We deem it unwise at the present time to expend our funds for any purpose not strictly warranted by our constitution and laws made thereunder.

Third. The congregations belonging to the Union in their annual reports already furnish all the information regarding them

that is sought, and all other congregations can be included in the publications made in accordance with these reports by becoming members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We do not wish to be understood that we think it would be a superfluous work to publish to the world at large a statistical account concerning everything relating to our co-religionists in the United States; on the contrary, such a publication may be of benefit, but at the present time, for the reasons already given, we deem such an undertaking to be premature. After the national decennial census of 1880, if, as we trust and fondly hope, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations will then embrace within its folds every congregation throughout the United States, it shall be deemed advisable to carry out the work your committee have had in charge, many of the objections existing at the present time will have been removed, and with augmented strength and ample means we will be enabled to complete not only this but many other praiseworthy objects which can be successfully accomplished only by "Israel united and fraternized."

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Cincinnati, O.,

JACOB FURTH,
St. Louis, Mo.,

HENRY STRAUSS,
Georgetown, D. C.,

} Committee
on Statistics.

Report of Committee on Circuit Preaching.

To the President and Members of the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—The Committee appointed by the last Council, held in Washington, D. C., in July, 1876, to consider the subject of circuit preaching (see page 257 of the printed proceedings),

respectfully beg leave to report that we heartily approve of a system of circuit preaching, by the means of which congregations having no regular ministers can occasionally have the benefit of pulpit instruction, and that we consider it within the purposes and objects of the U. A. H. C. to establish a plan with this view. We therefore recommend:

1. That it shall be the duty of the Executive Board to establish circuits of convenient territorial limits, and of congregations adjacent to each other, and immediately after the establishment of such circuits to give public notice thereof, and to invite correspondence on the subject from congregations wishing to avail themselves of the benefits of the system.

2. That it is especially desirable, wherever it is practicable, to unite a number of small congregations, adjacent to each other, each one of which, by itself, would be unable to do so, to jointly engage the permanent services of a minister, and the Executive Board shall lend its best efforts to bringing about such a desirable consummation.

3. Congregations unable to join with others as above shall state in their application to the Executive Board at what fixed time or times during the year they wish to enjoy the benefits of this system. The Board shall then endeavor immediately to induce some minister living within the same circuit as the congregation applying, and, with the consent of his own congregation, to fill the pulpit of the applicant on the stated occasions.

This, however, shall not prevent from officiating any other minister, who may, at some other time, volunteer or be called by such a congregation, or be sent to it for that purpose by the Executive Board.

4. All expenses arising from these temporary services on behalf of visiting ministers shall be paid by the congregation applying for them, but in no instance shall it be required to pay anything more than the expenses actually incurred.

5. The Executive Board shall guarantee the payment of these expenses to any minister who shall, at the Board's request, visit any congregation.

6. The Executive Board shall be empowered to extend, at its own discretion, the benefits of this system to such congregations

as may not, at the time of applying for them, be members of the U. A. H. C.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BETTMANN,	}	Cincinnati, O.,	} Committee on Circuit Preaching.
ADAM A. KRAMER,			
JACOB EZEKIEL,			
NATHAN FRANK,	}	St. Louis, Mo.,	
B. SINGER,			
H. ADLER,			
LEWIS ABRAHAM,	}	Washington, D. C.,	
JOSIAH COHEN,			
ADAM E. BLOOM,			
S. MANNHEIMER,		Pittsburg, Pa.,	
		Detroit, Mich.,	
		Buffalo, N. Y.,	

CINCINNATI, O., May 25, 1877.

Report of Committee on College Buildings and Grounds.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Your Committee on College Buildings and Grounds, appointed at the meeting of the Council held in the city of Washington, have the honor to report: That they have, during the year, received and considered thirteen propositions for the sale of building sites for the Hebrew Union College, in the city of Cincinnati, several of which are favorable as to price and locality.

Your Committee beg leave to say that while there are, among the propositions submitted, several lots which would be accept-

able as to price and locality, yet it is deemed prudent not to purchase for the present, as there will be ample time and opportunity during the coming year for final determination and investment. Besides, your Committee is of opinion that it is yet too early for a selection of the grounds. Your Committee, however, recommend that the subject referred to be kept alive, in the hope that at an early day the College edifice may be erected as the consummation of the noble object that your honorable body has in view.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM A. KRAMER,	}	Committee on College Buildings and Grounds.
B. BETTMANN,		
M. LOTH,		
JULIUS FREIBERG,		
JACOB EZEKIEL,		

A letter and telegram were read from Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, Mo., stating his inability to attend the meeting of the Council in consequence of sickness in his family, and asking for that reason to be excused from serving on the Committee on Conference, and that another be appointed in his stead.

Mr. Solomon Levi proposed the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in addition to the Standing Committees provided for in the By-Laws there shall be appointed by the President three special committees, to consist of five members each.

Resolved, That recommendations numbered 1, 6, 9, 13, 14 and 15 in President Loth's report be referred to Special Committee A;

That recommendations numbered 2 and 5 in same report, and so much thereof as refers to "Rolls of Honor," be referred to the Committee on Finance;

That recommendation numbered 3 in same report be referred to Special Committee B;

That recommendations numbered 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 in same report be referred to Special Committee C;

That recommendations numbered 8 and 16 in same report be referred to the Committee on Publications.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Secretary as refers to the receipts and disbursements, and to the mode of col-

lecting dues by Congregations be referred to the Committee on Finance;

That so much of his report as refers to the Bible account be referred to the Committee on Publications;

That so much of his report as refers to correspondence, his letter book and the letters received by the Executive Board be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That the accounts between the Union and its members be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the reports of the Board of Governors and of the President of the Hebrew Union College be referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Conference be recommitted, and that three additional members be added to that Committee.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Statistics be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Circuit Preaching be referred to Special Committee C.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on College Buildings and Grounds be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. B. Bettmann, President of the Board of Governors, presented the following supplementary report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College:

Supplementary Report of the Board of Governors of the H. U. C.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—The fiscal year of the Executive Board, ending in May, necessitates an incomplete report from the Board of Governors, as the school year terminates fully two months after their last reported (May) meeting, and as it is but due to you to have all the facts pertaining to our important trusts laid in full

before you, I hereby respectfully beg leave to submit to you the following additional information:

The final examination of the classes took place on Wednesday and Thursday, June 27th and 28th, in the presence of, and conducted by the three eminent Hebrew scholars, appointed by the last Council, who will report the result to you in a direct communication. I have, however, received from one of them, Mr. L. N. Dembitz, "an additional minority report," which, in accordance with his request, is herewith laid before you.

Public closing exercises were held on Sunday, July 1st, at the hall of the Eureka Society, generously placed at our disposal, free of any charge, and were attended by a very large assembly, who were highly pleased with the mostly original, productions of our students. I inclose a programme of both examination and exhibition, as it may be useful for comparison at some future day.

The Board has expended during the year the sum of \$4,555.01.

For preceptor's salary.....	\$ 700 00
Incidentals, such as gas, coal, janitor's fee, etc.	265 80
Support of indigent students.....	3,490 18} *
Deficit of this fund last year.....	99 03}

Total.....	\$4,555 01
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The appeal to the Jewish ladies of the country in behalf of the Indigent Student Fund has met with the noble response that was anticipated for it. I have no doubt that the President of the Executive Board will dwell more at length upon this subject, and therefore content myself by simply stating here, that of the \$3,319.14 so far collected, \$3,229.93 remain unexpended at this day, and will greatly lighten our burden during the coming year.

Four of the students provide in part for their own clothing, by giving lessons, in which they are encouraged by the Board, in so far as it does not interfere with their regular studies, which, under no circumstances, are allowed to be neglected. I have ob-

* From the fund of \$3,500, placed to our credit for that purpose by the last Council.

tained the report of their standing at the high-schools and university, showing that all of our students are well up with, some of them even prominent in their classes. At the last session of the Board one student was dismissed for incapacity, and another was accepted in his place, leaving the number enjoying your bounty as before, at 12, all of whom are at the Educational Institute of J. J. Maas, Esq., who, together with his estimable lady, takes such excellent care of them, that with but two exceptions all were enjoying uninterrupted fine health during the entire year. The exceptions referred to consisted in one case of a not very serious attack of illness, in the other of some trouble in a student's eye and ear, and in both instances we have had the free services of Dr. A. Rosenfeld and Dr. Jos. Aub, who have thereby become entitled to our thanks.

A glance at our table of expenditures will show that the entire amount paid to teachers during the whole year was \$700, which sum, so utterly insignificant when compared with the results obtained, was paid as an inadequate salary to Preceptor Eppinger, a most worthy, faithful, able man and teacher. All other tuition was furnished free of cost by the two professors, the Rev. Drs. Lilienthal and Wise, who not only generously volunteered their services, but brought to their difficult, laborious work such an amount of glowing zeal and enthusiasm of self-sacrificing love and devotion, that they inspired their scholars with the laudable desire to be worthy of such teachers, and enable us with modest pride to point to the short time of the existence of our school and the rich fruit it has already borne.

Much has been done, by which I do not mean the results obtained, but the fact that our institution has been placed on a solid basis and is working smoothly and satisfactorily. Much more remains to be done, and it is for you to strengthen the the hands of those by whom it is to be achieved. After consultation with my colleagues, and with their approval, I respectfully submit to you the following two propositions, warmly recommending their adoption by you.

1. That the sum of \$3,500 be again placed at the disposal of the Board of Governors, to be used as a fund for the support of indigent students during the coming year.

2. That, commencing now, and annually hereafter, one free scholarship in the Hebrew Union College, including tuition, boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., shall be awarded to the most meritorious boy in each of all the Jewish orphan asylums in the United States, provided such boy shall on leaving the asylum at the time fixed as the limit of his stay by its regulations have the necessary qualifications for entering the College.

With my warmest thanks to all my colleagues for the uniform, great courtesy shown me at all times, and with the best wishes for the success of our sacred cause, I remain,

Respectfully yours,

B. BETTMANN,

President Board of Governors.

CINCINNATI, July 6, 1877.

Mr. Simon Wolf proposed the following, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Conference: "The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled in Philadelphia on this 10th day of July, 1877, hail with profound satisfaction the proposed consolidation of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, and the congregations acting under their jurisdiction with those of the Union, and declare to so amend or modify their existing Constitution as to embrace all the aims and objects now and heretofore exercised by the Board of Delegates, and to secure to and for all just and equitable power and authority in accordance with the spirit of harmony, and to the end of securing higher education for American Israelites."

The following communication from the Board of Delegates was read and referred to the Committee on Conference:

NEW YORK, July 3, 5637 A. M., 1877.

At the Annual Convention of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites held in this city, May 29th ult., the report of the committee appointed to confer with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations was received. The following resolutions were adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Convention, reaffirming its belief in the national good to accrue from a just and perfect union among the Israelites of the United States, requests the committee to continue their efforts in this direction.

Resolved, That the Committee be increased by adding two members."

Messrs. Wm. B. Hackenburg and Isidor Binswanger, both of Philadelphia, were added to the Committee.

I am directed to communicate the action of the Board.

L. BAMBERGER,

Hon. Secretary.

To LIPMAN LEVY, Esq., Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati, O.

A letter was read from Dr. F. De Sola Mendes, proposing to sell certain books to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which, on motion, was referred, together with the copies of the books accompanying the letter, to the Committee on Publications.

The Council then took a recess for one hour. On re-assembling the President announced the appointment of the following committees:

ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Sigmund Mann, Chairman.

Rev. David Levy.

Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.

Rev. Jacob Voorsanger.

E. Hirshfield.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Chairman.

Joseph D. Levy.

Julius J. Maas.

Jacob Ezekiel.

Max S. Mayer.

ON FINANCE.

Gustave Lansburgh, Chairman.

S. Ullman.

Raphael Vogel.

William Goodheart.

M. Schwerin.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Louis M. Brock, Chairman.
Rev. Dr. M. Elkin.
Solomon Roth.
Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.
Nathaniel Myers.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Victor Abraham, Chairman.
Josiah Cohen.
Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein.
A. W. Rich.
Morris Mayer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE A.

A. J. Friedlander, Chairman.
Henry Adler, of Washington.
Adolph Harris.
Emanuel Wertheimer.
Sol. Sloss.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE B.

Moritz Loth, Chairman.
Bernhard Singer.
Henry Adler, of Cincinnati.
Jacob Mandelbaum.
L. Oppenheimer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE C.

Samuel Henle, Chairman.
Abraham Aub.
Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.
Herman Herold.
Henry Strauss.

ON CONFERENCE.

Solomon Levi, Chairman.
Josiah Cohen.
Julius Freiberg.
Bernhard Bettmann.
S. Ullman.

Mr. Alfred T. Jones extended an invitation to the members of the Council to visit the Masonic Temple, which invitation was, on motion, accepted.

A letter from Rev. Dr. L. Wintner, of Vienna, Austria, was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

On motion, the Council adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 11, 1877.

The Council met at 9 o'clock, A. M., President Peixotto in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Jacob Voorsanger.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Vice-President, Mr. Philip Lewin, in behalf of the Israelites of Philadelphia, extended an invitation to the members of the Council to a carriage ride to Fairmount Park and to partake of a lunch thereafter, which, on motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, was unanimously accepted.

The Committee on Hebrew Union College presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College and supplementary report of the same, together with the report of the President of the Hebrew Union College, respectfully submit that, having read the minutes of the meetings of the Board during the year, find that great zeal, activity and intelligence have been displayed in the care, control and direction of the students ; that the propositions submitted by the President of the College are approved and referred to the Board of Governors for adoption ; that the propositions of the President of the Board, namely—1. That the sum of \$3,500 be again placed at the disposal of the Board of Governors, to be used as a fund for the support of indigent students, is warmly indorsed ; and, 2. We heartily concur in the recommendations that now, and annually hereafter, one free scholarship in the Hebrew Union College, including tuition, board, lodging, clothing, etc., shall be awarded to the most mer-

itorious boy in each of all Jewish orphan asylums in the United States, provided each boy shall, on leaving the asylum at the time fixed as the limit of his stay by its regulation, have the necessary qualifications for entering the College.

The Committee respectfully submit that the grateful thanks of the Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise for the performance of his duties as President of the Hebrew Union College and for the gratuitous services which he has rendered as professor of the same.

The Committee also recommend the adoption of a resolution expressive of the thanks of the Council to the Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal for the able co-operation gratuitously rendered by him as professor.

The Committee are pleased to observe the continued progress made by the students, and regard it as a bright augury for the future.

The Committee recommend that hereafter the student passing the best examination shall receive, for the highest grade, a gold medal, and for the second grade a silver medal.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MANN,
REV. DR. M. TINTNER,
DAVID LEVY,
E. HIRSHFIELD,
JACOB VOORSANGER,
Committee.

On motion of Mr. Victor Abraham the report was taken up and adopted.

The President presented an invitation from Mr. A. S. Wolf, President of the Jewish Hospital, to the members of the Council to visit that institution. Action on which was, on motion, deferred.

On motion, Mr. Wm. B. Hackenburg of the Board of Delegates was invited to and granted the privileges of the floor.

The Committee on Publications presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the President and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Publications, to which was referred recommendation No. 8, in the report of Mr. Loth, the President of the Executive Board of the Union during last year, beg leave to report, that *they recommend a prize of \$50 for the*

best hymn-book for Sabbath-school purposes, the Board of Governors to select a Committee of competent judges to decide on the merits of the hymn-book presented, and the copyright to be reserved to the author.

Your Committee also recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to purchase, not exceeding one thousand copies of Leeser's English version of the Bible, and to sell them, as heretofore, for one dollar a copy.

Your Committee also recommends that the Bible Reader, by E. A. Davidson; the Post-biblical History, by Rev. A. P. Mendes, and "Defense not Defiance," by Rev. Dr. F. De Sola Mendes, be referred to the Executive Board for examination with power to act.

DR. M. LILIENTHAL,

J. J. MAAS,

JOSEPH D. LEVY,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

MARX J. MAYER,

Committee.

Mr. B. Bettmann presented the following report of the Examiners of the Hebrew Union College:

To the Officers and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The undersigned, appointed by the Council held July last in the city of Washington, D. C., as examiners of the Hebrew Union College, have the honor to make the following report:

The annual examination took place Wednesday, the 28th, and Thursday, the 29th of June last, at the college rooms, in the presence of many eagerly and attentively listening friends of the institution. All the students were in attendance. Mr. L. N. Dembitz, the third member of the Examining Committee, was present only on Thursday. The time of examination was extended to six hours each day, and inasmuch as there were only the two preparatory classes D and C to be examined, the work was done with thoroughness and minuteness, covering almost every inch in the course of the various studies, giving us ample opportunity to gain a full appreciation and unmistakable judgment on the general results, as well as the particular merits of last year's labor, and we feel fully justified to say: *Our anticipations were more than realized!*

We say so, not because we are easily led to enthusiastic utterances, but on account of the very agreeable surprise with which our rather somewhat sceptical expectations were overtaken. Knowing the great difficulties, which the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College under the present auspices has to

contend with, we could not help but admire the ability and fortitude which the students exhibited during the twelve trying hours of a very thorough examination.

These difficulties which the Preparatory Department in its two lower grades particularly encounters, are, namely: the vast difference as to the age of the students, ranging from 14 to 21 years, and the great diversity of scholastic training and mental capacity resulting therefrom the few and disadvantageous evening hours which the students of the Hebrew Union College have to spare for their special education. At the time when their fellow-students at the high-school and university are done with their day's work, and are more or less exhausted, these Jewish students have to start afresh, so to say, and to strain all their nerve to master the elements of a science and literature so entirely at variance with their usual scholastic pursuits.

Considering all this we were bound to put our anticipations at a rather low degree, and how pleasantly have we been surprised.

The examination was conducted exclusively by your Committee, and all the recitations, definitions and statements from Biblical and Post-Biblical History, the Hebrew Bible and Grammar, *Mechilta*, *Mishnah* and *Gemarah* were rendered by most of the students with promptness, dispatch and understanding. Many somewhat puzzling and embarrassing questions were answered by some with a surprising swiftness and accuracy. There are some very bright and promising talents among the students in both grades, but even those a little less gifted evince diligence and capability, and altogether they deserve all credit for their zeal and pure ambition. It was a pleasure for us to examine them, and our satisfaction grew from hour to hour, and till the closing moment the true grit of the Jewish intellect ruled unabated.

To speak here of the noble efforts of the President of the College, Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, and his illustrious co-laborer, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, would be considered as going beyond the limits of our report, but it behooves us to give to the worthy Preceptor, Mr. Sol. Eppinger, far more than ordinary credit for the results that were achieved by his incessant hard and fruitful exertions in behalf of the College.

Referring to the course of studies in both classes, as shown in the President's report, we must say that there is rather *too much* of a good thing in it, and here is the only point where some important improvements, according to our judgment, suggest themselves:

1. It would be of great advantage if *all* the lessons in Hebrew Bible and Grammar, in both the lower grades, should be given by one and the same preceptor. This would not only facilitate

the speed of studies, but also render the results more compact and lasting.

2. We consider it as a matter of necessity that henceforth these two grades shall take a little fewer lessons, the one in *Gemarah* and the other in *Mechilta*. The somewhat too great amount of time and labor spent in overcoming the intricacies of the *Gemarah* at this early stage of preparatory work could to a better advantage be used for the fruitfulness of the other branches of study.

3. It ought to be borne in mind that Grade C must pay the same attention to the *formal* rules of Hebrew grammar as to the *practical* application of the same, and that in this grade the theoretical Hebrew grammar must be entirely mastered.

While we repeatedly express how highly we enjoyed the pleasures of the task that has been conferred upon us, we at the same time heartily congratulate the Board of Governors and the professors on the bright prospects which lay before them. May God bless them and their work.

etc. **הבא לטוהר מסע' לו**

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. SONNESCHEIN.

REV. DR. L. MAYER.

PHILADELPHIA, July 10, 1877.

ADDITIONAL MINORITY REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF VISITORS.

The undersigned, one of the three Visitors of the Union College, appointed by last year's Council, begs leave to submit, in addition to the report already signed by himself jointly with his colleagues, some remarks to which he has not asked their concurrence and which are not at war with the results of the visitation as laid down in the report.

Unlike the two other visitors, I am not a minister, never was a minister, and was never trained or intended for that office. Hence, I never learned but little of the Talmud, and that little at a comparatively late age, and do not entertain that natural prejudice for the Talmud as the main factor in a Hebrew theological training, which is shared by those who have sucked it in, as it were, with their mother's milk.

At the examination lately held I found that even the scholars who had attended the school for two years had not that acquaintance either with the matter or the language of the Pentateuch which every Jewish layman ought to have; nevertheless they seemed to understand very well certain passages of the *Mish-*

nah and *Gemarah*, which they had studied in their course. We blamed our ancestors for teaching their sons the Talmud before Prophets and Hagiographs, in fact to the utter exclusion of most parts of them; but they at least saw to it that every Jewish boy should be familiar with the five books of Moses. Regular attendance at the synagogue, at which the yearly cyclus was used, helped to impress the lesson once learned on the memory. And without this preliminary it seems to me that the study of any Talmudical writings (including in this term, not only the *Mishnah* and *Gemarah*, but also *Mechilta*, *Sophri*, *Siphra*, *Pesichta* and *Tosephta*) is premature. All these writings are addressed to readers, who are supposed to be well acquainted with the Bible and to seek for its correct understanding, for the true bearing of its different parts or passages upon each other, for the reconciliation of apparent contrasts and difficulties. To the reader, to whose mind's eye the Bible or even the Pentateuch is not ever present, the Talmudical discussions are not only uninteresting, but unintelligible.

That the pupils had so little acquaintance with the Pentateuch is not their fault, nor is it the fault of their professors. Given the very scanty knowledge with which they started, and the large portion of the ten hours a week, which was devoted to other studies, such as *Mishnah*, *Gemara*, Post-Biblical History, poetical parts of the Bible, etc., they knew just what could be expected. If blame attached to anything, it must attach to the course of study heretofore approved by the Council. On mature reflection, this course looks to me very much as if a music teacher would put his pupils into Beethoven's sonatas, before they had mastered the different major and minor scales.

In my humble opinion, the first two preparatory years would be well spent, if the pupils should in these two years acquire a thorough knowledge of Hebrew Grammar, and a familiar acquaintance with the five books of Moses, including the faculty of reading them without vowel points. To give a little variety, the most popular Psalms and a few easy passages from *Nbium* and *Kethubim* might be added. We can not expect, as circumstances are now, that those entering the D Grade, will start with a reliable or thorough knowledge of any part of the Hebrew learning. Hence, at the rate of ten hours a week, it will take all of two years to learn what I have indicated. If at the end of two years any of the pupils should leave the school, he will take with him into life knowledge enough to be a good member of a Jewish congregation, enough as a father to impart religious knowledge to his children; enough also to become a good Sabbath-school teacher, and, at a pinch, to teach Hebrew in a congregational school. Should he prosecute his studies for two

years longer in the preparatory classes, he might in the next year go through the rest of the Hebrew Bible, the easy historic parts by himself, the harder parts under his teachers, and could spare two hours a week on Aramaic Grammar, practicing it on Daniel and Ezra and extracts from the *Targum*. By this time he would be quite a good Hebrew teacher, and rank in the lay community as a great Hebrew scholar. Knowing enough to enjoy what he has learned, and not apt to forget it all, even if thrown out of scholastic and rabbinical circles into the busy world. In the fourth preparatory year, the student now having a thorough knowledge of the Hebrew Bible and a slight acquaintance with Aramaic, be introduced into the Talmud just far enough to learn its methods and the language of its various parts. The student would, by this time, be far enough advanced to make some headway independently, to think of the Bible verses that are quoted and commented upon, and to remember them in their connection—in short, to know what he is about. At the end of one year he would have required the ability to work his way with the aid of the ordinary commentaries through other parts of the Talmud and through the *Midrashim*, and thus acquire by himself that knowledge of rabbinical literature in which a preacher, now-a-days and in this country, can get along.

If, however, his time and means allow it, he may afterwards, in the higher classes or *Yeshibah* proper, become a thorough Talmudist and a scholar in those other branches which constitute the modern rabbi.

Under the system now pursued, the boys who leave after the second year have acquired nothing substantial, nothing that they can apply for their own edification, or for the instruction of their own and other people's children.

The Talmud can never again be of the same importance to Jews which it held for the last twelve hundred years. The Bible must again be brought into the foreground. It ought to be made the groundwork in the education of the modern Hebrew scholar. When it is mastered, not before, the larger and more intricate subject of Talmudical literature should be taken up.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS N. DEMBITZ.

JULY 5, 1877.

On motion, the reports were received and referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, July 11, 1877.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

We, the undersigned Committee on Finance, have examined the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, and beg leave to submit that we find the said reports correct.

G. LANSBURGH, Chairman.
S. ULLMAN,
WM. GOODHEART,
M. SCHWERIN,
R. VOGEL,
Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which was adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, July 11, 1877.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have examined the correspondence of the Union and letter-book of the Secretary, but have no special action to suggest in reference thereto.

In regard to the letter of Rev. Dr. Wintner, your committee would suggest that it be transmitted by the Secretary to the editor of the *American Israelite*, any publication of it, however, to be without expense to the Union.

It is but due to our Secretary, Mr. Lipman Levy, that your committee in their report should make special mention of the very creditable manner in which the correspondence has been conducted by him.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS M. BROCK, Chairman.
NATHANIEL MYERS,
SOLOMON ROTH,
DR. L. MAYER,
DR. M. ELKIN,
Committee.

The Committee on Reports of Congregations presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the President and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Statistics beg leave to state that they

have carefully considered and discussed the same, and unanimously indorse the terms of that document as to the importance and necessity of such statistics, and heartily concur in the reference made therein to the "zeal and ardor" which have characterized the labors and valuable services of Mr. William B. Hackenburg in the compilation of the same.

Your committee can not, however, concur with the recommendation in said report contained as to the discontinuance of the work of this Union in the matter of the further compilation of such statistics. On the contrary, we are heartily impressed with the necessity and duty of our continued co-operation with the Board of Delegates of American Israelites in this worthy task. Whilst we admit the almost insurmountable obstacles to the obtaining of accurate data for the gathering of such statistics, yet we have full faith and hope in the ability of our Union and its ally in this noble work to overcome all difficulties and to ultimately obtain a perfect record of the status of American Israelites.

We therefore respectfully and unanimously recommend that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated by this Council to a like amount appropriated by the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, for the purpose of continuing the gathering of further and more complete statistics of our co-religionists of this country, and we further recommend that a committee of five be appointed by this Council to co-operate with a like number appointed by said Board of Delegates for the purposes aforesaid.

Your committee have also considered the matter of the accounts between this Union and its members, and find the congregations hereinafter named delinquent and subject to suspension, in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution:

B'nai Israel, of Columbus, Ga.

B'nai Israel, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Anshe Chesed, of Scranton, Pa.

L'shem Shomayim, of Wheeling, W. Va.

Respectfully submitted,

VICTOR ABRAHAM,
JOSIAH COHEN,
S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
A. W. RICH,
M. MAYER,
Committee.

On motion, an invitation was extended to the Committee of the Board of Delegates to the privileges of the floor and Mr. B. Singer and Rev. Dr. Sonneschein, as a committee appointed for that purpose, introduced these gentlemen to the Council.

The report of Special Committee A was presented and, on motion, re-committed.

Special Committee B presented the following report :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your committee, appointed to consider the recommendation, "To establish a Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary, in which our daughters may acquire a higher education and a practical knowledge of domestic duties," respectfully report that such an institution should be established as speedily as possible, and with that object in view recommend the adoption of the following measures :

1. To appoint a committee of twelve, whose duty it shall be to draft distinctly the course of instruction to be imparted in that institution, which is to embrace Hebrew, English, German and French, including music and the arts, also a practical knowledge of domestic duties.

The committee to ascertain the expense of teachers requisite for the institute.

The committee is also to ascertain at what price a suitable building, properly furnished, could be leased in one of the principal cities of the country.

2. Having ascertained the expense of conducting such an educational establishment, the said committee to determine the price to be paid for board and tuition in the Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary and which should be as low as possible and to be paid invariably every six months in advance.

The committee to be authorized by this Council to correspond with the presidents of the congregations who are members of the Union, requesting them to ascertain whether there are heads of families or guardians, who desire to send their daughters to the Hebrew Ladies' Seminary, and, if so, to advise the committee how many could be expected from their locality.

The committee to report in writing the results of their labor to the Executive Board of the Union, who are authorized to establish the Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary, under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, provided a sufficient number of pupils have beforehand been secured to warrant the payment of the expenses of the establishment,

We further recommend that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for printing, stationery, and postage.

M. LOTH,
B. SINGER,
HENRY ADLER, of Cincinnati, O.,
J. MANDELBAUM,
L. OPPENHEIMER,
Committee.

On motion, the report was taken up, and subsequently, on motion, postponed for further consideration.

An invitation was received and accepted from the Board of Directors of the International Exhibition Company to visit the same.

The following report was received:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your committee appointed to report on recommendations Nos. 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 of President Loth's report, beg leave to submit the following:

No. 4. To adopt measures by which congregations in rural districts can be addressed by a rabbi at least once a month.

No. 12. To inaugurate a system by which the congregations may obtain a rabbi through the aid of the Executive Board of the Union.

These recommendations are included in the report of the Committee on Circuit Preaching, whose report we heartily recommend.

No. 7. To inaugurate a system by which some of the graduates of the Sabbath-school could take charge of a class, and teach the different grades.

We suggest that the management of the Sabbath-schools be left to each congregation.

No. 10. To encourage the exchange of pulpits among our rabbis.

We fully concur with this recommendation and move its adoption.

No. 11. To instruct the Executive Board to open books of reference, in which are to be recorded the credentials of every rabbi, stating where he has officiated; such information to be furnished on application to every congregation in the Union.

We do not approve of this recommendation, as we do not find it practicable.

After careful consideration of the report of the Committee on Circuit Preaching, we fully concur with the same and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL HENLE,
SOL. SLOSS,
HERMAN HEROLD,
HENRY STRAUSS,
Committee.

On motion, the report was taken up for action, and, after being amended by striking out so much of the report of the committee as refers to a non-recommendation of paragraph No. 11 in President Loth's report and inserting in place thereof an approval of the same, was adopted.

The Committee on Conference presented the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee to whom was referred the report presented to you through the Executive Board as well as the communication received from the Board of Delegates of American Israelites and the resolution offered by Simon Wolf, Esq., respectfully beg leave to report:

That they held another conference with the committee appointed by the Board of Delegates, and, an earnest desire being shown on all parts to secure a union that shall finally embrace all Hebrew congregations in the United States, the following propositions, to be laid before you for your approval, were agreed upon, it being well understood that no change of our existing laws can be made at the session of this Council, but must be effected in accordance with Article XVI. of our Constitution as it is now.

It is furthermore distinctly understood that the changes of our organic laws, hereby proposed, shall not even be presented for consideration of the next Council, unless at the time of its meeting a sufficient number of Eastern congregations, numbering at least two thousand contributing members, shall have given previous satisfactory evidence of their readiness to join the Union immediately after the ratification of the proposed changes on our part.

The charter having fixed the city of Cincinnati as the permanent seat of the Hebrew Union College, the seal of the Union and the offices of the Secretary and Treasurer also shall remain located at that place.

The following changes of the Constitution have been made the basis of our mutual agreement:

Art. III.—Add after the words “contribute annually one dollar for each of its contributing members” the words “*and seat-holders,*” to meet a contingency existing in some Eastern congregations.

Art. IX.—To be changed so as to provide for *triennial* instead, as heretofore, for *annual* meetings of the Council.

Art. X.—Strike out all after the words “Hebrew congregations,” and add “*and to make general laws for the government of the Executive Board and the Board of Governors.*”

Art. XI.—The Council shall at its triennial meeting elect by ballot from its members a president, vice-president and secretary to hold office during the session of the Council, and before its adjournment thirty members, to be styled the Executive Board, fifteen of whom at the time of their election shall be residents of the following States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, whilst the other fifteen shall be selected from residents of the balance of the States and Territories.

Art. XII.—The Executive Board shall meet immediately after its election by the Council at the place where the latter held its session, and annually thereafter on the second Tuesday in July, at such place as shall have been fixed by them the previous year, and sixteen of their number shall form a quorum.

They shall elect from their own members a president, vice-president and treasurer, the latter of whom shall give a sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties. They shall also elect a secretary, who shall, however, not be a member of the Board and shall receive for his services a salary to be fixed by the Board.

The Executive Board shall, at its annual meeting or at such other meetings as shall be called by the President on the written request of sixteen members, and of which sufficient notice shall be given to all members, make all appropriations by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; they shall devise means by which all laws of the Council shall be executed; they shall appoint such necessary standing committees, who shall during the year attend to all the business that may be assigned to them and shall report their doings in full at the sessions of the Board.

Article IV. of the By-Laws, providing for proxy representation to be struck out.

The Board of Governors shall be appointed by the Executive Board and shall consist of twenty-four members, six of whom shall at the same time be members of the Executive Board. At

the first election held under this law twelve members shall be appointed in addition to those who shall then be in office, and of these newly-appointed four shall be elected to serve respectively one, two and three years, after which, at each annual session of the Executive Board, eight shall be elected to serve for three years.

The Board of Governors shall lay before the Executive Board an estimate of its probable wants during the year, to obtain the necessary appropriations. They shall exercise the same functions as now, and in addition shall appoint sub-committees to govern such preparatory departments as shall be established in other places than the city of Cincinnati.

All existing laws in conflict with these proposed changes shall be so amended as to make them conform with them.

All moneys contributed to the Indigent Students' Fund shall be subject to the disposal of the Board of Governors for the purpose for which they were given, and without requiring the appropriation of same to be made by the Executive Board.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LEVI,
JOSIAH COHEN,
B. BETTMANN,
S. ULLMAN,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11, 1877.

Mr. Simon Wolf then read for information the following report of the Conference Committee of the Board of Delegates to that body:

The committee appointed to confer with the Conference Committee appointed by the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with a view to effecting a union of all the Jewish congregations of the United States report that a meeting of the joint committees was held at Philadelphia on July 9, 1877, and, by adjournment, on July 10 and 11, 1877, that the Committee of the Council seemed actuated by a sincere desire to effect the union; and that the following principles were agreed on as modifications of the present government of the Union:

First—That the Councils shall hereafter meet triennially, instead of annually.

Second—That the functions of the Councils hereafter shall be, in the main, legislative, and not administrative.

Third—That the administrative functions of the Union shall hereafter be exercised by the Executive Board.

Fourth—That in order to avoid any possibility of undue in-

fluence to either section of the country in the management of the College and of other institutions under the care of the Union, the Executive Committee is to consist of thirty members, fifteen of them from the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina, the other fifteen from the other States and Territories.

Fifth—That the Committee of the Council, in order to carry out the principles herein embodied, and to bring the laws of the Union in harmony with the new system, have, in a report to the Council, reconsidered certain amendments to their Constitution. The present Constitution of the Union is hereto appended, marked A, and a copy of the Council committee's report amendatory of the same is hereto appended, marked B.

Sixth—We believe that the proposed amendments will substantially effect the establishment of the new system.

Seventh—As it would be unreasonable to expect the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to change its laws without being assured of some adequate return in the East, we have agreed to recommend to your Board that immediate efforts be made to obtain the adhesion of the Eastern congregations, and that so soon as congregations representing 2000 members and seat-holders shall be obtained the proposed amendments shall be adopted.

Eighth—We recommend that immediately after the new system has gone into effect, the Board of Delegates shall dissolve its functions, to be assumed by the new organization.

SIMON WOLF,
MAYER SULZBERGER,
I. BINSWANGER,
WM. B. HACKENBURG,
GEORGE JACOBS,
Committee.

The following amendment to the Constitution was, on motion, taken up for action:

Strike out Sec. 1 of Art. XVI., and insert in its place the following:

ARTICLE XVI.

SEC. 1. The provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition, unless such amendment shall be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council thereafter with a recommendation for its adoption or rejection, whereupon, if passed by the Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members present and voting, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

Mr. Victor Abraham offered the following substitute for the amendment:

The provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition, unless a proposition to that effect shall be presented at a meeting of the Council, when, if the same or any amendment thereto shall pass its first reading by a majority vote, and on a succeeding day by a four-fifths vote of the members present and voting, the same so passed shall become law and a part of this Constitution.

Mr. Nathaniel Myers raised a point of order, that the substitute not having been proposed to the Executive Board, could not be entertained by the Council. The President deciding that the point of order was not well taken, an appeal was taken from this decision, and a vote being had thereon, the President was sustained.

The substitute was then voted on and lost, and the vote then recurring on the amendment as submitted to the Executive Board, it was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Ladies' Seminary (Special Committee B) was again taken up, and a motion to adopt the same was lost.

The following report from Special Committee A was presented and, on motion, adopted:

PHILADELPHIA, July 10, 1877.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Special Committee A, to whom were referred the following recommendations of the President of the Executive Board, namely: 1, 6, 9, 13, 14 and 15, beg leave to report as follows:

First—On recommendation No. 1:

By what manner and means every congregation in Israel could be induced to enter the folds of the Union.

We find that the Executive Board are now using all efforts to induce all congregations not yet in the Union to join the same, and we have no new measure to propose.

Second—On recommendations Nos. 6 and 9:

To adopt a plan by which every Israelite could be induced to become a member of a congregation, and also,

To adopt measures to secure the observance of the Sabbath, and lead young and old to the house of worship on the Sabbath day.

The committee would state, it can only repeat the recommend-

ation of a committee of the last Council to whom substantially the same questions were referred, and who reported as follows:

"Your committee is of opinion that although a great deal might be said upon this subject, no more practical measure to attain this much desired end can be suggested than to educate the rising generation to a true sense of the importance of keeping the Sabbath as the main pillar upon which Judaism rests, to make our divine services so edifying and attractive, the sermons and lectures so interesting and instructive as to satisfy any and every intelligent demand and thereby induce members and their families to visit their respective places of worship on the Sabbath regularly, and by good example and the moral weight of such elevating influences be brought to a better and a more general observance of the day, and finally become members of congregations."

To which we beg to add that an earnest grand effort should be made by all congregations for a more general observance of the Sabbath in this country to the extent that all Israelites may be induced to close their respective places of business on Sabbath, and afford themselves and their employes an opportunity to attend divine worship.

Third—On recommendation No. 13:

To encourage everywhere the formation of Young Men's Hebrew Associations for intellectual development.

The committee heartily indorses this recommendation and suggests that, to promote the formation of such associations, the old should unite with the young, giving them their assistance and counsel.

Fourth—On recommendation No. 15:

To authorize the Executive Board to accept a tract of fertile land for agricultural colonization by our brethren.

That, while we are not opposed in principle to this proposition, and while we approve its object, yet we do not deem the present an opportune time to recommend any action.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FRIEDLANDER,
EM. WERTHEIMER,
A. HARRIS,
SOL. SLOSS,
H. ADLER, of Washington
Committee.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal proposed the following, which was, on motion, referred to the incoming Executive Board:

Resolved, That every report to be published for the information of the Council shall before being printed be submitted to the respective Boards for approval.

At 3 o'clock P. M. the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 12, 1877.

The Council met at 9 o'clock, A. M., President Peixotto in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The invitation to visit the Jewish Hospital was, on motion, accepted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, July 11, 1877.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We approve recommendation No. 2 of President Loth's reports, to instruct the Executive Board to appoint committees in all parts of the country to solicit donations for the Sinking Fund of the Hebrew Union College.

We recommend in reference to No. 5 :

To take into consideration by what means the expenses of the congregation could be reduced, for reduced expenses would increase the membership.

The choir of each congregation should consist of the daughters and sons of the members of the congregation, and the position should be exclusively an honorary one, and by so introducing such a mode, the expense of such congregation would be greatly reduced.

The Roll of Honor. Efforts should be made by every man and woman in Israel to increase the membership of the Educational Aid Societies, and each member to pay annually one dollar to the support for the Indigent Students' Fund.

Mode of collecting dues by the congregations due to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, should be collected of the members of the congregations, by adding twenty-five cents quarterly to their respective bills by the congregations, provided it does not interfere with the laws of the respective congregation.

Report on College Buildings and Grounds. On College and

Buildings a committee of five should be appointed, or continue the old, to select suitable grounds and buildings for the Hebrew Union College, and submit their report to the next Council.

G. LANSBURGH,	} Committee on Finance.
S. ULLMAN,	
M. SCHWERIN,	
WM. GOODHEART,	
R. VOGEL,	

On motion of Rev. Dr. Tintner, a committee consisting of Messrs. Simon Wolf, Josiah Cohen and S. Mann was appointed to report the names of three gentlemen to act as examiners of the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing year. The committee retired, and on their return presented the names of Rev. J. K. Gutheim, of New Orleans, Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis. On motion, the report was unanimously adopted, and any two of the examiners were authorized to fill any vacancy that might occur in their number.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer moved that the next session of the Council be held at Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. A. W. Rich moved to amend by striking out Pittsburgh, Pa., and inserting in place thereof Milwaukee, Wis.; the amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended, was adopted.

The Committee on Hebrew Union College presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your committee having carefully examined the reports of the honorable gentlemen composing the Board of Examiners, beg to submit the following:

Considering the fact that in the main the two reports agree, we cordially approve of the majority report of the committee, and recommend the adoption of their suggestions as the sense of the Council.

Your Committee have perfect faith in the mode of studies adopted in the College, and feel obliged to specify that Mr. Dembitz, in representing that the early study of Talmud is unnecessary, has not properly regarded the requirements of the student of theology. Even admitted, that in the early grades some parts of *Mechilta* are taught mechanically, your committee submit that this course must necessarily be pursued in order to prepare the pupils for the higher studies, and to make them ac-

quainted with the technical expressions of the Talmud. Taking this view of the matter, we again cordially approve of the course of studies pursued under the able management of the venerable President of the College, and urge the adoption of the majority report.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MANN,
REV. DR. M. TINTNER,
JACOB VOORSANGER,
DAVID LEVY,
E. HIRSHFIELD,

Committee.

Messrs. B. Bettmann and Henry Adler, of Washington, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and hereby extended to the congregation House of Israel, and our brethren of Philadelphia for their kind and hospitable treatment; to the President of the Jewish Hospital, and the manager of the International Exhibition Company for the courtesy of an invitation to their respective institutions; to Alfred T. Jones, Esq., for his kindness in procuring extra permission to visit, and his showing us through the Masonic Temple, and his zeal and efforts to promote the comfort of this Council; and to the press of Philadelphia for their fair report of our proceedings.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal proposed the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the Hon. B. F. Peixotto for the impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this Council, and for the material assistance he has rendered in the transaction of our business.

Further, that our thanks are tendered to our worthy Vice-President and Secretaries for the services rendered by them.

The following resolution offered by Mr. Nathaniel Myers was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council be and are hereby tendered to the retiring members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Sonneschein, the President was instructed to send the following telegram to the Rev. Dr. Wise, at the present time sojourning in San Francisco, Cal.: "The

Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled in Philadelphia, tender you their heartiest greetings and well wishes. Union and progress forever."

A letter read from congregation "Sons of Israel" of Providence, R. I., requesting that the Council delegate some one for the purpose of visiting that city for the purpose of addressing the Israelites there in the interest of Judaism. On motion, Rev. Dr. Sonneschein and Messrs. Loth and Peixotto were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, Messrs. E. Wertheimer, B. Singer and Lewis Abraham were appointed a committee to make nominations for members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal presented the following memorial:

To the President and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned beg leave to inform your honorable body that they have united for the purpose of starting a Jewish Literary Association, consisting both of ministers and laymen. They wish mutually to impart information on Jewish literature, both ancient and modern, especially the latter, which is most distinguishingly fostered in the German language, and not accessible to those of our brethren who do not understand the German language.

They wish to discuss among themselves religious questions which may spring up, exchange ideas on the same, and effect, if possible, a harmonious action.

They wish to organize a course of lectures in which essays of earnest and literary research shall be read and discussed, as such essays can not be read during divine service or in social circles.

If means will allow they intend to start a *Quarterly*, in which the best essays read at their meetings shall be published, with such other information as may be of interest to the members of the Association and the reading public at large.

We expect to accomplish a good deal also for our students in the College who do not read German and can not peruse the masterly books written in German on Jewish theology, Jewish history and philosophy. They hope thereby to contribute their mite toward the advancement of our students in the College not less than they will encourage among themselves original research and study.

We hope at the next meeting of the Council to lay before your

honorable body our statutes and the first reports of our meetings, and trust that this enterprise will meet with your warm approval.

DR. M. LILIENTHAL.
S. WOLF.
S. H. SONNESCHEIN.
JOSIAH COHEN.
REV. DR. L. MAYER.
LIPMAN LEVY.
B. BETTMANN.
A. J. FRIEDLANDER.
EM. WERTHEIMER.
REV. DAVID LEVY.
REV. DR. M. TINTNER.
L. M. BROCK.
E. HIRSHFIELD.
BENJ. F. PEIXOTTO.
REV. JACOB VOORSANGER.
ALFRED T. JONES.
VICTOR ABRAHAM.
S. MORAIS.
M. LOTH.
J. J. MAAS.

PHILADELPHIA, July 11, 1877.

On motion, the objects as set forth in the foregoing memorial were unanimously approved.

The committee appointed to nominate candidates for members of the Executive Board and Board of Governors presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The undersigned, your committee appointed for that purpose, beg leave to nominate the following candidates for the respective positions named:

FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Lipman Levy,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Bernhard Bettmann,	" "
Abraham Aub,	" "
Simon Wolf,	Washington, D. C.
Lazarus Silverman,	Chicago, Ill.
Henry Marks,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Leopold Rosenfeld,	" "
David Adler,	Milwaukee, Wis.
Julius Weis,	New Orleans, La.
Philip Lewin,	Philadelphia, Pa.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS,

To hold Office for Three Years.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, St. Louis, Mo.

William Goodheart, Cincinnati, Ohio.

FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

To hold Office for One Year.

Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bernhard Bettmann, " "

Solomon Levi, " "

Respectfully submitted,

EM. WERTHEIMER,

B. SINGER,

LEWIS ABRAHAM,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the President being so instructed, cast the ballot of the Council for the several candidates, and thereupon declared them duly elected.

On motion, the committee to visit Providence, R. I., was instructed to present a written report to the Secretary to be added to the printed report of the proceedings of this Council as an appendix.

The President appointed the following committees in pursuance of the action of this Council:

On College Buildings and Grounds:—Adam A. Kramer, B. Bettmann, M. Loth, Julius Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel.

On Statistics:—Jacob Ezekiel, Lewis Abraham, Jacob Furth, A. W. Rich and Philip Lewin.

On motion, the action of the Council designating Milwaukee, Wis., as the place of meeting of the next Council, was reconsidered. A motion was made to strike out Milwaukee and insert New York City, which was lost, and the vote then recurring on the motion to designate Milwaukee as the place of meeting for 1878, it was adopted.

On motion, the Executive Board was instructed to revise the Constitution in accordance with the report of the Committee on

Conference for the purpose of submitting the same to the next Council.

On motion, the Committee on Conference was discharged, and the thanks of the Council tendered to the members thereof for the manner in which they had discharged their arduous duties.

Mr. A. W. Rich presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Executive Board send circulars to all congregations of this Union, calling their attention to Sec. 1 of Art. IV. of the Constitution, and especially pointing and the duty of each congregation to send their delegates to the regular annual meetings of the Council.

On motion, Rev. Dr. Sonneschein and Mr. Sol. Sloss were appointed a committee to correspond with Congregation Anshe Chesed, of Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of having that congregation reconsider its action in resolving to withdraw from the Union.

Rev. George Jacobs and Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, being called upon, addressed the Council.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne, and thereupon, on motion, the President declared the Fourth Council adjourned *sine die*.



BENJAMIN F. PEIXOTTO,
President.

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

LEWIS ABRAHAM,
Assistant Secretary.

APPENDIX.

Report of Committee Appointed to Visit Providence, R. I. See Page 387.

M. Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Cincinnati, O.

DEAR SIR:—The undersigned, the committee appointed by the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held at Philadelphia, on the 10th of July and the following days, in compliance with the request of the Israelites of Providence, R. I., to visit that city and reorganize their congregation, beg leave to submit:

Upon our arrival in the city on Sunday, the 22d inst., we were met by a committee with whom we forthwith consulted as to a plan of action, which being agreed upon, we subsequently attended a public meeting that had been previously called and whom we addressed at length upon the necessity of establishing a *new* congregation, embracing all, *the old and the young*, upon a basis in conformity with the principles of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

We, at the same time, submitted a plan of organization, which, being unanimously adopted, was signed by some *sixty* persons, agreeing thereby to become members of and to sustain a *new* society, to be known under the name of the Congregation שלום (Gates of Peace).

We were surprised to find upon our arrival that the old organization had fallen into the low state of a membership of eighteen, that little or no interest was manifested for our holy religion, that general apathy and indifference prevailed, that no provision existed for religious education, and up to this time no synagogue had been erected for the worship of the God of Israel. We are happy to say that as a result of our labors we have received the pledges of the new society that they will at an early day secure a plot of land and erect a house of worship with provision for school purposes.

We feel confident from the evidences we have seen that our co-religionists in Providence are inspired with a firm resolution to carry out this good work. But, inasmuch as the community is small in numbers and limited in means, we would earnestly recommend that all the *moral* and *material* aid the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is capable of granting shall here be extended.

Respectfully,

S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
BENJ. F. PEIXOTTO,
Committee.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., July 24, 1877.

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1877.

a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	Minister.	President.	Secretary.
1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. J. S. Goldammer	Marcus Koch.....	Joel H. Steinberg.....
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.....	Rev. Falk Vidaver.....	N. Frank.....	A. Loewenthal.....
3	Benai Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise.....	Nathaniel Newburgh	Frederick Rauh.....
4	Benai Shalom.....	Quincy.....	Ills.....	Rev. Isaac S. Moses.....	Isaac Lesem.....	Dr. L. H. Cohen.....
5	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. E. Fisher.....	Jos. Lebensberger.....	Lewis Stern.....
6	Ohev Zedakah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.....	Rev. David Greenebaum	Samuel Altschul.....	L. Weixelbaum.....
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Samuel Epstein.....	Henry Marks.....	Moses Bing, Jr.....
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.....	Rev. L. Liebman.....	A. Schwab.....	B. Hirschberg.....
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. M. Lillenthal.....	Julius Freiberg.....	A. Abraham.....
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.....	Rev. M. Samfield.....	G. H. Judah.....	Samuel Hirsch.....
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. L. Kleeberg.....	Levy Bamberger.....	S. Henle.....
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.....	Rev. M. Messing.....	Solomon Mossler.....	A. Lang.....
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.....	Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf.....	Martin Butzel.....	M. C. Fehheimer.....
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. S. Kohn.....	Adolph Woolner.....	A. Steinhardt.....
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.....	none	Solomon Block.....	S. H. Newhouse.....
16	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock.....	Ark.....	Rev. Jacob Bloch.....	Philip Ottenheimer.....	M. Goldbaum.....
17	Adas Israel.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	none	Samuel Ullman.....	S. L. Benjamin.....
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Ky.....	none	a	Eugene Schwab.....
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	La.....	Marx Klein.....	E. Weil.....	Salomon Mayer.....
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. A. Hahn.....	S. Mann.....	Gerson Strauss.....
21	Ohavia Sholom.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	Rev. Alex. Rosenspitz.....	J. Ellis.....	Simon Weil.....
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.....	Rev. A. Wendel.....	David Louis.....	Henry Flesch.....
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	Rev. B. A. Bonnheim.....	Judah Nusbaum.....	M. Mayer.....
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	Rev. Joseph Bogen.....	Maier Speisberger.....	Henry Weil.....
27	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.....	Rev. M. Strauss.....	Jacob Jelenko.....	Jonas Freundlich.....
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.....	Rev. S. Gerstman.....	David Siegel.....	Jos. Lowenstein.....
29	Beth Elobim.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	Rev. David Levy.....	Philip Wineman.....	Nathaniel Levin.....

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a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	Minister.	President.	Secretary.
30	Rodef Sholem	Wabash.....	Ind.....	none	Wolff Dryfus..... ^a	Henry Herff, Sr.....
31	Keneseeth Israel.....	Zanesville	Ohio.....	none	Joseph Cahn.....	L. Steinfeld.....
32	Benai Jehudah	Kansas City	Mo.....	Rev. David Burgheim.....	S. Newman.....	Chas. Dobriner.....
33	Anshe Chesed	La Crosse.....	Wisc.....	none	S. Hilbroner.....	Joseph Gutman.....
34	Meadville Hebrew So'y	Meadville.....	Pa.....	none	Henry Ullman.....	M. H. Reeter.....
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Ills.....	Rev. Henry Bloch.....	Samuel Louis.....	L. Loewenthal.....
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Ind.....	none	M. M. Gerstley.....	Morris Baswitz.....
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Ills.....	Rev. Dr. L. Adler.....	Ben. W. Eisendrath.....	Ben. W. Eisendrath.....
38	Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches.....	La.....	none	Samuel Nelkin.....	Adolph Koffie.....
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.....	none	L. Cohen.....	Joe Hirsch.....
40	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	Rev. F. Shauer.....	Julius Mandelbaum.....	Max Schloss.....
41	Or Zion	Peru.....	Ind.....	none	Nathan Rodman..... ^a	S. Lowenbaum.....
42	Emanuel	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.....	Rev. Emanuel Gerechter.....	Isaac Brown.....	L. Hirsch.....
43	Anshe Chesed	Vicksburg	Miss.....	Rev. B. H. Gotthelf	Simon Levy, Jr.....	Eli Blum.....
44	Hebrew Zion	Shreveport	La.....	none	L. Schwartz.....	Louis M. Brock.....
45	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Samson Falk ..	E. Wertheimer.....	Henry Rosenberg ..
46	Rodef Sholem	Pittsburgh	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.....	Isaac Baer	L. Wolfner.....
47	Bnai El.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein.....	S. N. Ullman	Albert Wiler.....
48	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Ind.....	Rev. M. Bonheim.....	Samuel Levy.....	M. P. Strauss.....
49	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. H. Wolf	S. J. Eichelstein.....	M. Schloss.....
50	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Isaac Stemple.....	M. Frank..... ^a	Philip Myerson.....
51	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Ind.....	Rev. Edward Rubin.....	David Adler.....	S. M. Goldsmith.....
52	Anshe Chesed	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. M. Machol.....	A. Michel.....	H. L. Berg.....
53	Beth El	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	Rev. B. E. Jacobs.....	David Adler.....	H. M. Oberndorfer..
54	Emanuel El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisc.....	Rev. Dr. M. Spitz.....	Julius Elson.....	G. H. Lesser.....
55	Beth Israel	Meridian.....	Miss	Rev. S. Weinstein	S. Nathan	Simon Ezekiel.....
56	House of Israel	Philadelphia	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. M. Elkin		

60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson	Miss	none	L. T. Newman.....	Julius Picard.....
61	Monnt Sinal.....	Georgetown	D. C.	none	Henry Straus.....	Henry Oettinger.....
63	Akron Hebrew Asso'n	Akron	Ohio	Rev. A. Schreier.....	S. B. Hopman.....	N. L. Holstein.....
64	Washington Hebrew	Washington	D. C.	Rev. L. Stern.....	Henry Adler	Adolph Adler
65	Rodel Sholem	Petersburg	Va.	Rev. A. Gross	Marx Cohen	J. Weinberg
66	Knoxville Heb. Benev.	Knoxville	Tenn.....	none	E. Samuel	F. Heart
67	Beth Ahaba.....	Richmond	Va.	Rev. Dr. A. Hoffman.....	Moses Millhiser.....	Moses Hutzler
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma	Ala.	Rev. G. L. Rosenberger	Joseph Meyer	Adolph Jacobson ..
69	Bnai Israel	Galveston	Texas	Rev. Dr. A. Blum	M. Koppel.....	I. Lovenberg
70	Beth Israel	Houston	Texas	Rev. J. L. Meyer.....	John Reichman.....	M. Raphael
71	Anshe Emeth	Pine Bluff.....	Ark.	Rev. M. Greenblatt	Jacob Bloom, Sr.....	Sol. Meyer, Jr.....
72	E'z Raanon	Rochester	N. Y.	Rev. Dr. V. Rundbaken.....	N. Rosenfeld.....	B. Heumann
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc.	Victoria	Texas	none	Louis Halpin	G. A. Levi
74	Heb. Benev. Associa'n	Farmerville	La.	none	J. Marx	L. Brunner
75	Bnai Sholom	Chicago	Ills.	Rev. Henry Gersoni	L. Bear	Nathan Hefter.....
76	Progress Association	Oil City	Pa.	Rev. S. Ullman.....	Levy Bondheim	Henry Sandman.....
77	Bnai Zion	Titusville	Pa.	Rev. Felix Jeselson ..	A. M. Meyers	Joseph Goline.....
78	Beth El	Helena.....	Ark.....	none	Joseph Brecker.....	M. Sander
79	Anshi Chesed	Bay City	Mich	Rev. Simon Feilchenfeld.....	A. Grabowsky	A. Grabowsky
80	Beth Israel	Peoria	Ills.....	Rev. Dr. H. J. Messing...	Samuel Woolner.....	Philip Eisler.....
81	Shaare Emeth	St. Louis	Mo.	Rev. S. H. Sonnenschein ..	A. Kramer	I. Koperlick
82	Oheb Ze-tek	Pottsville.....	Pa.	Rev. E. Oppenheimer	Lewis Harris.....	Moses Hirschler
83	Bickur Cholim	Donaldsonville.....	La.	Rev. Sophar	B. Leman	H. Loeb
84	Temple Sinai	New Orleans.....	La.....	Rev. J. K. Gutheim	Michael Frank.....	Ferdinand Marks ...
85	Brith Sholem	Springfield	Ills.....	a	J. Leum	F. Loewy
86	First Hebrew	Eureka.....	Nevada..	none	Salomon Hyman.....	Louis Jacobowsky...
87	Ohaveh Sholom.....	Summit	Miss	none	B. W. Wise	David Wise.....
88	Bnai Sholem	Huntville	Ala.....	none	I. S. Heller.....	J. D. Levinson.....
89	Bnai Sholem	Bastrop	La.....	none		

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a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	When Organized.	No. of Contributing Members.	Estimated value of Real Estate, exclusive of Burial Grounds.	Expenses for past Year — Erection of Buildings not included.	Number of Children attending Sabbath-School.
1	Abavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1849.....	43.....	\$ 12000 00	\$ 3000 00	46
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Indiana.....	1857.....	70.....	20000 00	2700 00	125
3	Bnai Jeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1841.....	160.....	250000 00	18000 00	220
4	Bnai Sholom.....	Quincy.....	Illinois.....	1864.....	52.....	25000 00	3125 84	70
5	Bene Jeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	1851.....	30.....	20000 00	a	60
6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.....	1867.....	14.....	none	600 00	12
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1858.....	50.....	10000 00	2900 00	120
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.....	1867.....	20.....	none	1400 00	15
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1823.....	182.....	160000 00	13000 00	180
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee.....	1852.....	115.....	25000 00	6000 00	118
11	Adath Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	1840.....	170.....	125000 00	12000 00	200
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Indiana.....	1856.....	50.....	25000 00	3500 00	80
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Michigan.....	1850.....	80.....	16000 00	5000 00	135
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	1856.....	109.....	8000 00	2600 00	85
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Arkansas.....	1870.....	17.....	5000 00	300 00	20
16	Bnai Israel.....	Little Rock.....	Arkansas.....	1863.....	50.....	10000 00	2100 00	80
17	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Mississippi.....	1843.....	30.....	25000 00	1370 00	30
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Kentucky.....	1861.....	a.....	a	a	a
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	Louisiana.....	1853.....	42.....	6000 00	1100 00	30
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	1850.....	66.....	15000 00	4500 00	90
21	Ohaviah Sholom.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	1854.....	40.....	35000 00	3500 00	100
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.....	1858.....	12.....	none	103 70	none
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	1868.....	46.....	15000 00	2688 93	66
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	1863.....	21.....	15000 00	1200 00	26
27	Bene Israel.....	Charleston.....	West Virginia.....	1873.....	16.....	1500 00	700 00	14

28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Missouri.....	1857	42	\$	8000 00	\$	2500 00	65
29	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston.....	South Carolina...	1750	60		45450 00		3285 40	120
30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash.....	Indiana.....	1873	19		none		125 00	none
31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.....	1871	9		none		120 00	8
32	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Missouri.....	1870	48		6000 00		1800 00	50
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wisconsin.....	1857	17		1000 00		150 00	30
34	Meadville Hebrew Soc'y.	Meadville.....	Pennsylvania.....	1866	17		none	a		none
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Illinois.....	1863	25		5000 00		1600 00	40
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Indiana.....	1867	15		200 00		75 00	10
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	1847	130		30000 00		10000 00	none
38	Bnai Israel.....	Natchitoches.....	Louisiana.....	1871	24		none		250 00	none
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	1866	46		15000 00		1900 00	60
40	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	1873	23		none		600 00	none
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Indiana.....	1874	a		a			a
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Michigan.....	1872	30		none		2000 00	32
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Mississippi.....	1841	50		20000 00		4000 00	60
45	Hebrew Zion.....	Shreveport.....	Louisiana.....	1866	30		20000 00		1866 62	22
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	New York.....	1864	79		30000 00		8500 00	20
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pennsylvania.....	1857	84		200 0 00		6000 00	198
48	Bnai El.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	1853	110		15000 00		4200 00	65
49	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Indiana.....	1842	32		4000 00		1600 00	20
50	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.....	1867	14		none	a		22
51	Jene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.....	1858	16		3000 00		1200 00	20
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Indiana.....	1848	35		23000 00		2500 00	40
53	Anshe Chesed.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	1839			a			a
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	1874	38		16000 00		3000 00	42
56	Emann El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisconsin.....	1869	68		50000 00		5000 00	57
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian.....	Mississippi.....	1873	34		none		1620 00	35
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	1841	70		30000 00		5750 00	50
60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Mississippi.....	1860	25		none		150 00	18
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.....	1871	18		730 00		172 30	17
63	Akron Heb. Association.	Akron.....	Ohio.....	1865	22		none		800 00	20
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.....	1855	82		20000 00		3200 00	100

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1877.—Continued.

a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	When Organized.	No. of Contribu- ting Members.	Estimated value of Real Estate, exclusive of Burial Grounds.	Expenses for past Year —Erection of Build- ings not included.	Number of Children attending Sabbath- School.
65	Rodef Sholem	Petersburg	Virginia	1858	29	15000 00	\$ 1500 00	46
66	Knoxville Heb. Benev'nt	Knoxville	Tennessee	1864	11	none	66 00	none
67	Beth Ahaba	Richmond	Virginia	1840	49	10000 00	3200 00	225
68	Mishkan Israel	Selma	Alabama	1870	32	1500 00	500 00	36
69	Bnai Israel	Galveston	Texas	1868	70	40000 00	4000 00	100
70	Beth Israel	Houston	Texas	1859	45	25000 00	4000 00	35
71	Anshe Emeth	Pine Bluff	Arkansas	1865	34	5000 00	1800 00	35
72	Erz Kaanon	Rochester	New York	1870	26	none	1595 00	40
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc.	Victoria	Texas	1867	22	none	225 75	none
74	Heb. Ben. Association	Farmerville	Louisiana	1874	22	none	a	none
75	Bnai Sholem	Chicago	Illinois	1852	a	a	a	a
76	Progress Association	Oil City	Pennsylvania	1872	24	5000 00	1500 00	17
77	Bnai Zion	Titusville	Pennsylvania	1870	21	none	a	40
78	Beth El	Helena	Arkansas	1875	23	none	a	none
79	Anshi Chesed	Bay City	Michigan	1870	22	none	a	35
80	Beth Israel	Peoria	Illinois	1874	20	4000 00	800 00	a
81	Shaare Emeth	St. Louis	Missouri	1869	200	10000 00	12125 00	150
82	Oheb Zedeck	Pottsville	Pennsylvania	1856	20	8000 00	1300 00	29
83	Bickur Cholim	Donaldsonville	Louisiana	1849	20	none	1000 00	15
84	Temple Sinai	New Orleans	Louisiana	1870	140	150000 00	16000 00	a
85	Brith Sholem	Springfield	Illinois	a	a	a	a	a
86	First Hebrew	Eureka	Nevada	1876	29	none	a	a
87	Ohaveh Sholem	Summit	Mississippi	1877	20	none	none	none
88	Bnai Sholem	Huntsville	Alabama	1876	28	none	275 00	15
89	Bnai Sholem	Bastrop	Louisiana	1877	14	none	none	none

Summary of Reports from 83 Congregations.



78	Congregations have 3,709 contributing members.	
5	" have not reported.	
53	Congregations own real estate (exclusive of burial grounds) valued at \$1,549,380 00.	
25	" have no real estate except burial grounds.	
5	" have not reported.	
69	Congregations had expenses during the past year (erection of buildings not included) amounting to \$217,839 54.	
2	Congregations were organized this year.	
12	" have not reported.	
63	Congregations have 3,951 children attending Sabbath-schools.	
12	" have no Sabbath-schools.	
8	" have not reported.	
60	Congregations have ministers.	
22	" have no ministers.	
1	" has not reported.	

THE UNION OF American Hebrew Congregations.

PROCEEDINGS — OF THE — FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION — OF THE — COUNCIL,

Held at Milwaukee, Wis., July, 1878.

TUESDAY, July 9, 1878.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at Concordia Hall, at ten o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

Rev. M. Spitz, of Milwaukee, in behalf of her citizens, delivered an address of welcome to the Council and opened the proceedings with prayer.

On motion of Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer, Mr. David Adler was elected temporary Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, Mr. Benjamin M. Weil was elected temporary Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Lipman Levy, M. A. Rosenblatt, Rev. M. Samfield, Josiah Cohen and Samuel Cole.

On motion of Mr. Albert Peyser, the Chairman was instructed to appoint a Committee on Permanent Organization. The following were appointed as the Committee: Messrs. Albert Peyser, Leopold Rosenfeld, Emanuel Wertheimer, Sigmund Mann and Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council:

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim.	Cincinnati, Ohio.	Moritz Loth, Leopold Rosenfeld, Daniel Wolf, David M. Hyman, Moses Marks, Solomon Levi, Simon Peehl, Wm. Goodheart, Isaac Lesem,
2. Bene Israel,	Evansville, Ind.	
3. B'nai Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ill.,	Henry Adler, Joseph Bloch. A. Schwab.
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio.	
6. Ohev. Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio.	
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Julius Freiberg, Lipman Levy, Lewis Krohn, Lewis Seasongood, Adam A. Kramer, Max. Hoffheimer, Joseph Abraham.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.,	Rev. M. Samfield, L. N. Dembitz.
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	S. Ullman, N. Bloom, Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch, Charles Bamberger.
12. Indi'polis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	David Lelewer, Solomon Mossler.
13. Beth El,	Detroit, Mich.,	Martin Butzel, A. I. Franklin, Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf,
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.	
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.	
17. B'nai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.	
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.	
19. Chev. Gem. Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.,	Bernard Gross.
20. Tifereth Israel,	Cleveland, Ohio,	Sigmund Mann, Rev. Dr. A. Hahn, Aaron F. Leopold.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.,	Lazarus Silverman.
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio,	A. Friedlich.
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio.	
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	Samuel Klein.
27. Beneh Israel,	Charleston, W. Va.	Albert Peyser,
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph Mo.,	Rev. S. Gerstman.
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	A. W. Rich. Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.	
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio.	
32. B'nai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.,	Sam'l Strassburger.
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wis.,	Isaac Cantrovitz.
34. Mead v'le Heb. Soc.	Meadville, Pa.	
35. Anshai Emeth,	Peoria, Ill.,	Rev. H. Bloch.
36. B'nai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.,	S. Gimbel.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
37. Kehilath Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ill.,	M. M. Gerstley, H. A. Kohn, Charles J. Miers, Samuel Cole.
38. Bnai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.	
39. Heb. Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.
40. Bene Yeshurun,	Des Moines, Iowa.	
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.	
42. Emanuel,	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Jos. Houseman.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.,	Jacob Ezekiel, Solomon Roth.
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Siegmund Levyn, Leopold Marcus, Rev. Dr. S. Falk,
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Eman'l Wertheimer, Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.,	
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio,	Rev. Henry Gersoni.
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio,	S. J. Eichelstein.
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.,	Rev. Isaac S. Moses.
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Tex.	
56. Emanu El,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	David Adler, Elias Friend.
57. Beth Israel,	Meridian, Miss.,	J. S. Kimmelstiel.
58. House of Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.	
60. Gemilas Chasodim,	Port Gibson, Miss.	
61. Mount Sinai,	Georgetown, D. C.	
63. Akron Heb. Ass'n,	Akron, Ohio.	
64. Washington Heb.,	Washington, D. C.,	Simon Wolf, Gus. Lansburg, Lewis Abraham.
65. Rodef Sholem,	Petersburg, Va.	
66. Knoxville Heb. Ben.,	Knoxville, Tenn.,	Edward Bloch.
67. Beth Ahaba,	Richmond, Va.	
68. Mishkan Israel,	Selma, Ala.	
69. B'nai Israel,	Galveston, Texas.	

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
70. Beth Israel,	Houston, Texas,	Adolph Harris.
71. Anshai Emeth,	Pine Bluff, Ark.,	Benjamin M. Weil.
72. Etz Raanon,	Rochester, N. Y.	
73. Victoria Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Victoria, Tex.	
74. Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Farmerville, La.,	Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise.
76. Progress Ass'n,	Oil City, Pa.	
77. B'nai Zion,	Titusville, Pa.	
78. Beth El,	Helena, Ark.	
79. Anshi Chesed,	Bay City, Mich.	
80. Beth Israel,	Peoria, Ill.,	Samuel Woolner.
81. Shaare Emeth,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein.
		B. Hysinger,
		D. Cole,
		M. A. Rosenblatt,
		L. M. Hellman,
		A. Binswanger,
		Joseph Wolfort,
		Dr. B. Felsenthal.
82. Oheb Zedek,	Pottsville, Pa.,	Jacob Levi.
83. Bickur Cholim,	Donaldsonville, La.	
84. Temple Sinai,	New Orleans, La.	
85. Brith Sholem,	Springfield, Ill.,	Gustav S. Ensel.
87. Ohaveh Sholem,	Summit, Miss.	
88. Bnai Sholem,	Huntsville, Ala.	
89. Bnai Sholem,	Bastrop, La.,	Michel Levy.
90. Children of Israel,	Athens, Ga.,	M. N. Lando.
91. Emanuel,	Denver, Col.	
92. Emanu El,	San Francisco, Cal.	
93. Sons of Israel,	Providence, R. I.	
94. Israel,	Omaha, Neb.	
95. United Hebrew,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. H. J. Messing.
96. Beth El Emeth,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Wm. B. Hackenburg,
Respectfully submitted,	LIPMAN LEVY,	
	MAX SAMFIELD,	
	M. A. ROSENBLATT,	
	JOSIAH COHEN,	
	SAMUEL COLE,	

Committee.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the following report :

To the President and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—We, your Committee for the purpose of selecting permanent officers of the Fifth Annual Council, beg leave to report :

For President, ADAM A. KRAMER, Esq., of Cincinnati.

For Vice-President, WM. B. HACKENBURG, Esq., of Philadelphia.

For Secretary, LIPMAN LEVY, Esq., of Cincinnati.

For Assistant Secretary, BENJAMIN M. WEIL, of Milwaukee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALBERT PEYSER,
S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
SIGMUND MANN,
EM. WERTHEIMER,
LEOPOLD ROSENFELD,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received and adopted, and the gentlemen therein named, being duly elected, entered upon the discharge of their respective duties, the President having been conducted to the Chair by a committee for that purpose, appointed by the temporary Chairman.

The following reports in printed form were presented to the Council:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Fifth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN :—It affords me great pleasure to report that the Board of Delegates have, according to their promise made to the Fourth Annual Council of the Union, exerted themselves to bring into the Union Eastern congregations, with at least two thousand members. Their efforts have been only partly crowned with success, and it will require further exertion on the part of the Board of Delegates, as also of every Israelite who longs to see union in Israel, to bring the rest of the Eastern congregations within the folds of the Union.

The Executive Board have, in accordance with the instruction of the Fourth Annual Council, revised the Constitution and By-Laws, as agreed upon by the Conference Committee of the Board of Delegates and that of the Union, and which I respectfully recommend for adoption as soon as the congregations of the Eastern States, representing at least two thousand members, will have officially advised the Executive Board that their respective congregations have joined the Union.

CIRCUIT PREACHING.

The Executive Board have faithfully carried out the instruction of the Fourth Annual Council in regard to circuit preaching. The several States have been divided into circuits, and notice thereof has been given through the public press. But I regret to say that not even one application came from any section to have a rabbi sent there to preach the word of God, and this impresses me that the mode adopted to inaugurate circuit preaching

must be defective. I, therefore, recommend that important subject again for your consideration.

THE COLLEGE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS.

The Committee on College Grounds and Buildings have examined several suitable pieces of ground and also buildings for college purposes, and submit their report, which I recommend for adoption, as the time has arrived when the College buildings should be erected.

THE HEBREW YOUNG LADIES' SEMINARY.

To bring into existence a well-appointed Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary should be one of the aims of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as it would, indeed, be a great blessing to give the daughters of Israel a favorable opportunity of obtaining a Hebrew and a classical education, including music and the arts. I, therefore, recommend that a special committee be appointed, to whom this important subject shall be referred.

AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS.

It would be of the greatest benefit to this and the future generations of Israel, if measures could be devised by which our people would again be led into agricultural pursuits and also mechanical industries. This subject being of so great importance, I invite your careful consideration thereof.

THE PUBLICATION OF NEW BOOKS.

In order to encourage the publication of new books on religion, history and science, a policy should be inaugurated by the Union to give authors of profound works the influential and material aid of the Union.

EVERY ISRAELITE TO BE A MEMBER OF A CONGREGATION.

It is my sad duty to report that there are thousands of Israelites residing in cities and towns who are well able to be members of congregations, but who stand aloof and do not contribute

one iota for the support of the congregation, which is the very bulwark of maintaining Judaism and its matchless lessons. Those Israelites take every benefit that the house of Israel can bestow on them and give nothing in return. A system ought to be inaugurated by which every Israelite should be a member of a congregation, and I beg you to refer this subject to a special committee for consideration and report.

THE SABBATH.

It is a deplorable fact that the observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest, as a day for religious instruction, meditation and mental elevation, has of late been greatly disregarded, and measures should be adopted to put a stop to this willful breaking of the Sabbath, and efforts should be made to reinstate the Sabbath in its pristine purity. This subject being of the highest importance to our spiritual well-being, I beg you to refer it to a special committee, whose wise suggestions may prove of incalculable value to this and the future generations in Israel.

THE EDUCATIONAL AID SOCIETIES.

The membership of the Educational Aid Societies for the support of the indigent students ought to be greatly increased. Thus far they have only been formed in compliance with the urgent appeals of the Executive Board and by the exertion of a few ladies or gentlemen in each place. But to vastly increase their membership would require the personal effort of an eminent orator, who would devote his time to this important organization. I would also recommend that this subject be referred to a committee.

Trusting that your deliberations will be crowned with the happiest results, and invoking God's blessing upon the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and every member thereof,
I am,

Your obedient servant,

M. LOTH,

President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my annual report:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL,
PHILADELPHIA, July 12, 1877. }

The Executive Board for 1877-8 met at one o'clock P. M.

On motion, Mr. Moritz Loth was elected President and assumed the chair.

Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected Vice-President.

On motion, the salary of the Secretary was fixed at six hundred dollars for the present fiscal year, and his bond at five thousand dollars.

Mr. Lipman Levy was elected Secretary.

On motion, the bond of the Treasurer was fixed at twenty thousand dollars.

Mr. Solomon Levi was elected Treasurer.

The following bill, presented by the Secretary, was, on motion, ordered to be paid:

Salary for June, 1877.....		\$ 50 00
Cash paid for advertising meeting of Council..	\$ 25 00	
“ “ deposit of bonds	2 45	
“ “ express charges	2 50	
“ “ postage	6 20	
“ “ exchange	1 95	
“ “ trunk lock	55	
“ “ expenses on trunk of books and papers from Cincinnati to Phila- delphia and return	3 00	
“ “ telegram to Dr. Wise at San Fran- cisco, Cal	3 95	
“ “ Philip Lewin's bill for expenses of Council	132 43—	178 03
		<u>\$228 03</u>

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have two thousand copies of the report of the proceedings of the Fourth Council printed.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to purchase five hundred copies of Leeser's Bible at a price not exceeding ninety-five cents per copy.

Mr. S. Ullman, of Louisville, Ky., appeared before the Board and offered to solicit subscriptions for the Union. On motion, the offer was accepted with the thanks of the Board.

The President and Secretary were, on motion, appointed a committee to define the circuits for circuit preaching in accordance with the action of the Fourth Council.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, September 2, 1877. }

The Executive Board met at seven o'clock p. m., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. David Adler, of Milwaukee, Wis., stating his inability to be present this meeting.

The Secretary reported that Congregation Children of Israel, of Athens, Georgia, had become a member of the Union.

The bond of Mr. Solomon Levi, Treasurer, for \$20,000, with Messrs. Leopold Levi and Herman Levi as sureties, and that of Mr. Lipman Levy, Secretary, for \$5,000, with Messrs. M. Feder and Elijah Newman as sureties, were presented and, on motion, accepted.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since June 1, 1877, amounting to \$4,222.72.

The President and Secretary reported that they had drawn the following orders on the Treasurer:

June 4, 1877,	Payments ordered by the Board of Governors	\$439 88
" 8, "	\$500 U. S. 5-20 bond for the Sinking Fund	581 25
" 26, "	Dr. I. M. Wise, for expenses to the Pacific Coast	500 00
July 2, "	Payments ordered by the Board of Governors	503 53
Aug. 9, "	Payments ordered by the Board of Governors	193 55

On motion, the actions of the President and Secretary were approved.

The Secretary reported that the diplomas ordered at the meeting of this Board on May 27, 1877, had been engraved and copies thereof presented to those entitled to them; that Dr. Wintner's letter had been published in the *American Israelite* as ordered by the Fourth Council, and that two thousand copies of the report of the proceedings of the Fourth Council had been printed and about one thousand copies thereof had already been distributed.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co., stationery, engraving and printing to date, \$549 35
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for July and August,	
1877	\$100 00
Cash paid for boxes for certificates	2 50
“ “ scrap book	1 75
“ “ M. Herold, engrossing certificates	5 50
“ “ exchange	1 95
“ “ postage	27 63
“ “ expressage	15 25
“ “ stationery	1 55— 156 13

The Secretary reported that \$500 U. S. 5-20 bond of the issue of 1865 had been called in. On motion, he was instructed to withdraw the same from the Safe Deposit Company and have it cashed.

A letter was read from Dr. A. DeSola in reference to Bibles. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to order five hundred copies at not exceeding ninety-five cents per copy.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to inform Dr. F. DeSola Mendes that this Board deems it inexpedient to purchase any copies of the “Bible Reader,” “Post-Biblical History,” or “Defense, not Defiance.”

Letters were read from Rev. S. Morais, Rev. J. K. Gutheim and Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, stating their acceptance of the position as examiners of the Hebrew Union College, to which they had been elected by the Fourth Council.

The Committee on Circuits for Circuit Preaching reported progress, and asked for further time, which was granted.

The following report was presented and ordered to be spread on the minutes :

CINCINNATI, O., September 2, 1877.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your resolution of June last, your obedient servant went to California in order to work for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and now begs permission to report to you the result of his labors.

I left Cincinnati July 1st and returned August 30th. During this time I have visited the Israelites of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.; Denver, Col.; Salt Lake, Utah; Eureka, Virginia City and Carson City, Nevada; San Francisco, Sacramento City, San Jose and Santa Cruz, Cal. I had been invited to Portland, Oregon, by Rev. Mr. May, but could not undertake the journey and be home at my post in proper time (September 1st). I proposed to go to Los Angeles, Cal., but the president of that congregation would not have me come there, and the president of the congregation in Oakland, Cal., also did not want me to address the congregation. I have not seen the congregations at Stockton and Marysville, Cal., on account of want of time.

During this time I delivered fourteen public speeches, and besides addressed every individual whom I supposed had any influence with the congregations in behalf of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Your messenger was received and treated everywhere with distinction, respect and kindness, and his appeals were listened to with much attention and consideration. The rabbis and ministers everywhere, especially of San Francisco, as also the presidents and honorary officers of the congregations, have assisted and encouraged me in a manner truly generous and fraternal.

In San Francisco the four large congregations (there are a number of smaller ones), the presidents of the four large congregations, have positively promised me that at the next general meetings of their respective congregations they will propose and advocate the proposition to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and those presidents are gentlemen of high position and influence. Likewise the rabbis of those congregations and many influential members have promised me to give their support to this proposition, so that I have little doubt of its success. The same promises have been made me by the respective presidents and ministers of San Jose and Sacramento

City, Cal., of Denver, Col., and Omaha, Neb. The congregation of Eureka, Nev., belongs to the Union. There is no other congregation in Nevada. However, influential members of the B'nai B'rith Lodge of Virginia City, Nev., have promised \$500 donation from that lodge to the sinking fund of the Hebrew Union College, for which I have brought two students from San Francisco, viz.: Masters Henry and Messing. I am entitled to the hope that within a month or two the congregations of the States of California, Nevada, Colorado and Nebraska will be united with the other sister congregations in our Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which then will reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as it does now from the Gulf to the Lakes. Our Hebrew brethren from the Pacific Coast and States named will certainly be an honor to the Union and true and faithful champions of the sacred cause which engages our attention and devotion. It will be a glorious day when the congregations of the Pacific Coast will join hands and hearts with those of the Atlantic Coast and the Mississippi Valley. It will be a day of fraternization to Israel and of glory to the Most High.

I did not consider it advisable to solicit subscriptions now to the sinking fund of the Hebrew Union College and did not commence. Besides Mr. Anspacher, formerly of Evansville, Ind., who subscribed \$100, and a young gentleman of San Francisco, who subscribed \$25, none came to me to offer any subscriptions, and I did not start the matter, because

1. The subject was foreign to most and entirely unknown to many, who looked upon it as a matter far away from home and concerning them but little.

2. In consequence of two years' short crops and the decline in mining stocks there is now, as eminent friends told me, a very inopportune time to open a subscription list in any of those cities.

3. In consequence of the strike and its re-echo in San Francisco there was a depression in all business circles, so that subscriptions to any purpose could hardly be expected.

4. None of the wealthiest men of San Francisco was ready either to start the list with a considerable sum, or to take the matter in hand just then, and without their aid success appeared to me impossible.

This, however, is not to be understood to the effect that our brethren in San Francisco or the States named will not in time contribute their mite to the great enterprise of the Hebrew College. On the contrary, I found that very many are generally very liberal and generous, that they contribute freely to charities and other public enterprises. Many, very many, indeed, are public-spirited and munificent, and some very prominent gen-

tlemen told me that they well understood that in proper time something must and will be done for the Hebrew Union College; but that was not the time to start it, and I acted on their advice.

So far God has helped, and this I was able to do and no more. Mr. President and gentlemen, I am glad that I have seen the brethren of the far West, and I must confess that I feel attached to them and fully convinced that they will be with us, for God and Israel, for His Torah and eternal truth; for they are men and brethren, our flesh and our blood, our God is theirs and their people ours.

In the name of God and His Torah,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, November 11, 1877. }

The Executive Board met at seven o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that the following congregations had become members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations: Emanuel, of Denver, Colorado, and Emanu-El, of San Francisco, California.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since last meeting, amounting to \$2,437.25.

The President reported that since the last meeting he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn orders on the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,366.92 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, and for \$100 for the use of the Joint Committee on Statistics, which was, on motion, approved.

The following payments were, on motion, ordered to be made:

Henry Adler, six months' interest to 18th inst. on \$10,000 donation	\$300 00
Lipman Levy—	
Salary as Secretary for September and October, 1877	\$100 00
Cash paid for express charges	80
“ “ manifold paper	35

Cash paid for repairing letter file.....	\$	60	
“ “ postage		7	50
“ “ letter book.....		3	50
“ “ one year's subscription for <i>American Israelite and De-</i> <i>borah</i>		5	00
“ “ one year's subscription for <i>Hebrew Observer</i>		5	00— 122 75
B. F. Peixotto, expenses in obtaining subscriptions.....		400	00

The Secretary reported that forty-five congregations, numbered on the record 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 25, 27, 32, 33, 34, 36, 40, 42, 45, 48, 49, 51, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 81, 83, 85, 86 and 88, had approved the amendment to the Constitution, passed by the Fourth Council, whereupon the President declared the same duly adopted.

On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the Secretary was instructed to inform the Board of Delegates that the foregoing amendment had been ratified.

A letter was read from Mr. S. Mann, of Cleveland, Ohio, expressing regret at his inability to attend this meeting and calling attention to some subscriptions that might be obtained.

The Committee appointed on July 12, 1877, to define the circuits for circuit preaching, presented the following report, which, on motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, was adopted:

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The undersigned, your Committee appointed for that purpose, beg leave to recommend that the general circuits for circuit preaching shall consist of each State and Territory of the United States respectively, and that these shall be divided into special circuits as circumstances may from time to time determine.

That whenever a sufficient number of congregations or communities shall unite for that purpose, a special circuit shall be established to be known as the First Circuit of ———, and shall be consecutively numbered in the order in which they shall be created in each State and Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOTH,
LIPMAN LEVY,
Committee.

A letter was read from Mr. L. Eichberg, of Stuttgart, Germany (formerly of this city), accompanying a donation by him to the library of the Hebrew Union College of a twelve volume edition of "Talmud Babli." On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the thanks of this Board were tendered him for his generous gift.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, January 20, 1878. }

The Executive Board met at seven o'clock p. m., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read from Mr. Simon Heavenrich, of Detroit, Mich., stating that he was unable to attend this meeting.

The Secretary reported that Congregation "Sons of Israel," of Providence, R. I., had become a member of the U. A. H. C.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts since last meeting, amounting to \$2,087.66.

The following bill, presented by the Secretary, was ordered to be paid, viz.:

Salary for November and December, 1877.....	\$100 00
Cash paid for postage.....	9 00
" " express charges.....	1 30
" " manifold paper	35
" " exchange	25
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Letters were read from the "Alliance Israelite Universelle," of Paris, France, proposing an exchange of published reports, which the Secretary reported he had already attended to.

The President reported that since the last meeting he had, in conjunction with the Secretary, drawn orders on the Treasurer for \$488.21 in payment of five hundred Bibles and expenses thereon, and for \$1,046.44 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors.

The Secretary reported that congregations Nos. 29, 37, 78 and 89 had approved the amendment to the Constitution, passed by the Fourth Council.

A letter was read from the President of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, transmitting proposed amendments to the Constitution, which were, on motion, referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Lipman Levy, Solomon Levi and Aaron Kahn. On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the amendments proposed by the Committee on Conference in their report to the Fourth Council were referred to the same committee.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, March 10, 1878. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock p. m., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary reported that Congregation of Israel of Omaha, Neb., had become a member of the U. A. H. C.

A list of the receipts since the last meeting, amounting to \$836.50, was read.

The Secretary reported that orders had been drawn to the amount of \$7,658.88 for \$7,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds, purchased by the Treasurer for the sinking fund, and \$1,087.68 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, all of which were, on motion, approved.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Bloch & Co., printing to date.....\$ 6 50
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for January and February, 1878	\$100 00
Cash paid for postage	10 00
“ “ deposit of bonds.....	1 50
“ “ exchange	70
“ “ one year's subscription for <i>American Israelite and Deborah</i>	5 00— 117 20

The Treasurer presented a report stating that he had collected \$262.65 from Herman Levi & Co., bankers, for interest on deposits to January 6, 1878.

The Committee to whom the proposed amendments to the laws had been referred presented as their report a revision of

the Constitution and By-Laws, which was read and acted upon as in committee, and the further consideration thereof postponed until the next meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to have the same printed for the use of the Board.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to notify all the subscribers to the sinking fund of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations who had not paid their subscriptions, that, unless they paid their subscriptions on or before the first day of July, 1878, action will be taken by the Executive Board to enforce the collection thereof.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, May 12, 1878. }

The Executive Board met at 7½ o'clock P. M., President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A list of the receipts since last meeting was read, amounting to \$2,667.35.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of this Board orders had been drawn on the Treasurer to the amount of \$1,189.96 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors.

The following payments were, on motion, ordered to be made, viz.:

Bloch & Co., printing \$ 21 75
Lipman Levy—

Salary as Secretary for March and April,	
1878	\$100 00
Cash paid for exchange	75
“ “ stationery	45
“ “ express charges	25
“ “ postage	9 00
“ “ one year's subscription for	
<i>Jewish Record</i>	5 00
“ “ three years' subscription for	
<i>Hebrew Leader</i>	15 00
“ “ Safe Deposit Co., for one	
year's deposit of \$34,000 U.S.	
5-20 bonds	37 00

Cash paid for William B. Hackenburg, Chairman of Joint Committee on Statistics	\$ 25 00—\$192 45
Henry Adler, six months' interest to 18th inst. on \$10,- 000 donation	300 00
Jacob Levinson, one year's services as messenger	25 00

A letter was read from Congregation Beth-El Emeth, Philadelphia, Pa., stating that on March 24, 1878, it had adopted a resolution to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, provided the terms agreed upon by the Joint Committee of the Union and Board of Delegates are complied with.

A letter was read from Congregation B'nai Sholem, of Chicago, Ill., stating that, in consequence of financial embarrassment, it was unable to retain its membership in the Union and had, therefore, transmitted no reports for the past two years.

A letter was read from Congregation Emanu-El, of Milwaukee, Wis., informing us that it had appointed a committee to make arrangements for the reception and meeting of the representatives to the next Council.

On motion, Messrs. Solomon Levi and Julius Freiberg were appointed a committee to obtain a reduction of railroad fare for the representatives attending the meeting of the Council at Milwaukee.

The Secretary reported that by the advice and consent of members of this Board he had not sent out the notices to delinquent subscribers, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last meeting. On motion, his action was concurred in.

On motion, it was ordered that an adjourned meeting of this Board be held on June 9, 1878.

On motion, the President and Secretary were appointed a committee on printing.

The revised Constitution and By-Laws were taken up for action, and the following resolution, offered by the Secretary, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Fifth Council the adoption of the following Constitution and By-Laws as soon as the terms embraced in the report of the Committee on Conference adopted by the Fourth Council, shall have been complied with.

PREAMBLE, CONSTITUTION
AND
BY-LAWS
OF THE
Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

PREAMBLE.

The congregations represented in this Convention, in faithful attachment to the sublime principles of Judaism, and in consciousness of Israel's sacred duties, feel impressed with the conviction that, in order to discharge these obligations beneficially, a closer union of the congregations is necessary. To this end, under the protection of benign Providence and the laws of our country, we hereby establish this sacred covenant of the American Israelites, as set forth in the following:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name.

SECTION 1. The body hereby constituted and established shall be known as "The Union of American Hebrew Congregations."

ARTICLE II.

Objects.

SECTION 1. It is the primary object of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to establish a Hebrew Theological Institute—to preserve Judaism intact; to bequeath it in its purity and sublimity to posterity—to Israel united and fraternized; to

establish, sustain and govern a seat of learning for Jewish religion and literature; to provide for and advance the standard of Sabbath-schools for the instruction of the young in Israel's religion and history, and the Hebrew language; to aid and encourage young congregations by such material and spiritual support as may be at the command of the Union; and to provide, sustain and manage such other institutions which the common welfare and progress of Judaism shall require—*without, however, interfering in any manner whatsoever with the affairs and management of any congregation.*

SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the Union to keep a watchful eye on occurrences at home and abroad, concerning the civil and religious rights of Israelites, and to call attention of the proper authorities to the fact, should any violation of such rights occur, and to keep up communication with similar central Israelite bodies throughout the globe.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

SECTION 1. Any Hebrew congregation of the United States, lawfully organized, may become a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations by its official declaration of the following obligations, to-wit: To be represented in the regular meetings of the Council, as provided hereinafter, and to contribute annually to the Treasury of this Union one dollar for each of its contributing members and seat-holders—provided, however, that each congregation may raise this contribution according to its own rules and regulations.

SECTION 2. Any congregation, being a member of this Union, on failing for two successive years to pay the dues provided for in Section 1 of this Article, shall be suspended from this Union, to be reinstated only upon such terms as may be provided by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV.

Council.

SECTION 1. The representative and legislative body of this Union shall be styled "The Council," which shall be composed of the Representatives of the congregations, being members of this Union, to be appointed by them in such manner as they may deem proper. The permanent officers of the Council, who shall hold office during its session, shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and shall be chosen from among the Representatives.

SECTION 2. Each congregation shall elect and be entitled to

one Representative to the Council, and one additional for every twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five.

SECTION 3. The directors and honorary officers of any establishment under the government and control of this Union shall be honorary members of the Council; but honorary members shall not be entitled to a vote unless they are Representatives.

SECTION 4. The Council shall meet in regular session triennially, on the second Tuesday in July (the first meeting hereunder to be held in the year 1879), at the place designated in the last meeting of that body, of which time and place the congregations shall be duly notified. The Executive Board may, however, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof, call a special meeting of the Council at such time and place as they may designate.

SECTION 5. The Council is the highest authority of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to make general laws for the government of all boards and committees by the Constitution provided, not in conflict with any provision thereof.

ARTICLE V.

Executive Board.

SECTION 1. The Council shall at its triennial meeting elect by ballot thirty members, to be styled the Executive Board, whose seat shall be in the city of Cincinnati, fifteen of whom at the time of their election shall be residents of the following States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, while the other fifteen shall be selected from residents of the balance of the States and Territories, and all vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by the remaining members thereof, in accordance with the provisions of this section. At the meeting of the Council in 1878 twenty members of the Executive Board shall be elected, and the elections in this section, hereinbefore provided for, shall not be held until the year 1879.

SECTION 2. The Executive Board shall meet immediately after its election by the Council at the place where the latter held its session, and annually thereafter on the second Tuesday in July when no regular meeting of the Council shall take place, at such place as shall have been fixed by them the previous year, and sixteen of their number shall form a quorum.

SECTION 3. The Executive Board shall elect from their own members a President, Vice-President and Treasurer, the latter of whom shall give a sufficient bond for the faithful perform-

ance of his duties. They shall also elect a Secretary, who shall, however, not be a member of the Board, and shall receive for his services a salary to be fixed by the Board, and who shall be the custodian of the seal of this Union. The offices of the Treasurer and Secretary shall be in the city of Cincinnati.

SECTION 4. The Executive Board shall, at its annual meeting, or at such other meetings as shall be called by the President on the written request of sixteen members, and of which sufficient notice shall be given to all members, make all appropriations by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; they shall devise means by which all laws of the Council shall be executed; they shall appoint such necessary standing committees, who shall during the year attend to all the business that may be assigned to them and shall report their doings in full at the sessions of the Board.

SECTION 5. The Executive Board is empowered to appoint committees from its own members, as well as other persons, to further the interests of the Union and its objects, to collect funds, and solicit such other support as may advance the objects of the Union.

ARTICLE VI.

Hebrew Union College and Board of Governors.

SECTION 1. The Hebrew Theological Institute, provided for in Article II., Section 1 of this Constitution, shall be styled "The Hebrew Union College," which shall remain permanently located in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

SECTION 2. The Hebrew Union College shall be under the control, management and government of a Board of Governors, whose seat shall be in the city of Cincinnati, who shall be appointed by the Executive Board, and shall consist of twenty-four members, six of whom shall at the same time be members of the Executive Board. At the first election held under this law eighteen members shall be appointed in addition to those who shall then be in office, and of these newly-appointed, six shall be elected to serve respectively one, two and three years, after which, at each annual session of the Executive Board, eight shall be elected to serve for three years.

SECTION 3. The Board of Governors shall submit to the Executive Board an estimate of its probable wants during the year, to obtain the necessary appropriations. They shall appoint sub-committees to govern such preparatory departments as shall be established in other places than the city of Cincinnati.

SECTION 4. All moneys contributed to the Indigent Students' Fund shall be subject to the disposal of the Board of Governors

for the purpose for which they were given, and without requiring the appropriation of the same to be made by the Executive Board.

SECTION 5. The income arising from the Sinking Fund shall be expended only for the use and benefit of the Hebrew Union College, as the Board of Governors shall direct, subject, nevertheless, to the provisions contained in Section 2 of Article VIII. of this Constitution.

SECTION 6. The Board of Governors shall, on the second Sunday in August after their appointment, organize by the election of a President, Vice-President and Secretary, who shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

SECTION 7. All vacancies occurring in the membership of the Board of Governors shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SECTION 8. Five members of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 9. The Board of Governors shall annually furnish the Executive Board a report of their proceedings and the condition of the College, to embody also such suggestions and propositions as the necessities of the College demand, which report shall be submitted to the Council.

SECTION 10. The College grounds and appurtenances shall never be mortgaged for any purpose whatsoever, or anywise encumbered.

SECTION 11. The Executive Board shall be *ex-officio* the Trustees of the College property of every kind, and the sole custodians and managers of its finances, and shall alone receive and disburse the funds belonging to the College.

SECTION 12. The College shall embrace three departments, viz.: the Preparatory, Hebrew Classical and Rabbinical; and shall be open not only to Israelites, but also to students of all denominations gratuitously.

SECTION 13. In the Preparatory Department students or graduates only of high schools or colleges shall receive instruction. The studies in this department shall embrace Jewish history, the Hebrew language, and the original text of the Bible therein, Rabbinical writings, and general Hebrew literature; and such other branches as the Curriculum may provide.

SECTION 14. In the Hebrew Classical Department graduates of the Preparatory Department and students or graduates of any university or college—classical, scientific, medical or juridical—only shall receive instruction. The studies of this department shall embrace a general course of the biblical and

philosophical literatures of the Hebrews, and such other branches as the Curriculum may provide.

SECTION 15. In the Rabbinical Department graduates only of the Hebrew Classical Department, being graduates of any university or college, shall receive a general Rabbinical instruction to qualify them for the Jewish ministry; and the graduates of this department shall receive, under the seal of the Union, the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

SECTION 16. The Board of Governors shall enact a code of laws, on the basis of the foregoing organic provisions, for the general internal government of the College, and the establishment of a Faculty and Curriculum.

ARTICLE VII.

Committee on Civil and Religious Rights.

SECTION 1. The Executive Board shall upon the adjournment of the Council, appoint a committee to be called "The Committee on Civil and Religious Rights;" to have charge of the matters set forth in Section 2 of Article II., of this Constitution. This committee shall consist of nine members of the Executive Board, and such other persons, not exceeding eight in number, whom the Executive Board shall from year to year elect. The President and Vice-President of the Executive Board shall be *ex-officio* members of this committee, and its seat shall be in the city of New York.

ARTICLE VIII.

Funds.

SECTION 1. All donations and bequests granted to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations or the Hebrew Union College shall pass to the Sinking Fund, unless otherwise directed by the donors, and all other income, from whatever source derived, shall be constituted a General Fund, to be controlled by the Council and expended for the purchase of a library, and for such other purposes as the same may direct.

SECTION 2. The funds, as deposited by provision of the preceding section, shall remain intact until the same shall amount to sixty thousand dollars, when the income arising therefrom shall be employed by the Executive Board for the establishment and maintenance of the Hebrew Union College, and whenever the funds shall amount to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, one hundred thousand thereof shall be placed to the credit of the Council, who shall employ the same for the erection or purchase of a college edifice, if necessary—provided, however, that the said sixty thousand dollars shall forever remain intact as a sinking fund, the income of which to be used as above provided.

ARTICLE IX.

Privileges.

SECTION 1. Any person having donated and paid one thousand dollars or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall be named a patron of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and of the institution which is the recipient of said donation, and said patron shall be an honorary member of the Council and of the board governing that particular institution.

SECTION 2. Any person having donated and paid five hundred dollars or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall be named a patron of that institution, and shall be an honorary member of the board thereof.

SECTION 3. Honorary members, as such, cast no vote in the body in which they enjoy that distinction.

SECTION 4. Any person having donated and paid five hundred dollars or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, with the *proviso* that the day of death (*Jahrzeit*) of the person designated shall annually be remembered and distinguished according to religious custom, and shall have his name inscribed, together with all particulars of the *proviso*, in a book of memorial, to be kept for this specific purpose by the Executive Board; and the day designated shall be so remembered and distinguished annually in the institution which shall be the recipient of such donation, but such donor shall have no other privileges except those granted in this section.

SECTION 5. Any person having donated and paid five thousand dollars or more to any institution under the control of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations shall be entitled to all the privileges named in this article.

SECTION 6. The Executive Board shall have lithographed a suitable diploma, to be filled out, signed and sealed by the officers thereof, and delivered to every donor as prescribed herein.

ARTICLE X.

Amendments.

SECTION 1. The provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition, unless such amendment shall be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council thereafter, with a recommendation for its adoption or rejection, whereupon, if passed by the Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members present and voting, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

President and Vice-President.

SECTION 1. The President of the Executive Board shall preside at all its meetings, and in his absence the Vice-President shall assume that duty, and in the absence of both, the Board shall elect a President *pro tem*.

Secretary.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Executive Board shall be the custodian of the seal of the Union, keep an accurate account of the proceedings of the same, and attend to all the correspondence, receive all money coming into the possession of the Board, and shall pay the same over to the Treasurer within five days thereafter, and shall give bonds with two sureties to the satisfaction of the Executive Board.

Treasurer.

SECTION 3. The Treasurer of the Executive Board shall receive from the Secretary all money collected by him, and shall safely keep the same subject to the order of the Board, and shall give bond with sureties to the satisfaction of the same.

Official Bonds.

SECTION 4. No member of the Executive Board shall be accepted as surety on the bond of any officer.

ARTICLE II.

Dues.

SECTION 1. The dues of the congregations belonging to the Union shall be payable semi-annually on the first day of September and March.

SECTION 2. The yearly contributions, other than congregational dues, shall be payable on the first day of September annually.

ARTICLE III.

Fiscal Year.

SECTION 1. The fiscal year shall end on the thirty-first day of May annually, to which time all reports shall be made, and the same shall be printed annually by the Executive Board, and published for distribution and shall be submitted to the Council at the regular meetings thereof.

Reports of Committees.

SECTION 2. All committees appointed by any Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations with instructions to report at the next Council, shall report in the *interim* to the Executive Board, and such reports are to be added to the reports of the said Board to the next Council.

ARTICLE IV.

Circuit Preaching.

SECTION 1. Each State and Territory of the United States respectively shall constitute a general circuit for circuit preaching, and these general circuits shall be divided by the Executive Board into special circuits, as circumstances may from time to time require.

SECTION 2. Whenever a sufficient number of congregations or communities shall unite for that purpose, a special circuit shall be established, to be known as the First Circuit of ———, and shall be consecutively numbered in the order in which they shall be created in each State and Territory.

SECTION 3. Congregations, unable to join with others as above, shall state in their application to the Executive Board at what fixed time or times during the year they wish to enjoy the benefits of this system. The Board shall then endeavor immediately to induce some minister, living within the same circuit as the congregation applying, and with the consent of his own congregation, to fill the pulpit of the applicant on the stated occasions.

This, however, shall not prevent from officiating any other minister who may, at some other time, volunteer or be called by such congregation, or be sent to it for that purpose by the Executive Board.

SECTION 4. All expenses arising from these temporary services on behalf of visiting ministers shall be paid by the congregation applying for them, but in no instance shall it be required to pay anything more than the expenses actually incurred.

SECTION 5. The Executive Board shall guarantee the payment of these expenses to any minister who shall, at the Board's request, visit any congregation.

SECTION 6. The Executive Board shall be empowered to extend, at its own discretion, the benefits of this system to such congregations as may not, at the time applying for them, be members of the U. A. H. C.

SECTION 7. The Executive Board is authorized to act as mediator and negotiator for such small congregations as desire to

employ a minister jointly to preach to them on alternate Sabbaths and holy days, but shall not incur any expense in that behalf beyond that of correspondence.

SECTION 8. The Executive Board shall also be authorized to request the congregations who are members of the Union to allow their respective ministers to visit such congregations as said Executive Board deem best to be addressed by them.

ARTICLE V.

Organization of the Council.

SECTION 1. The President of the Executive Board shall call the Council to order, when a temporary chairman and secretary shall be elected. The Chairman shall appoint a Committee on Credentials. After the report of the Committee on Credentials shall have been adopted, the Council shall permanently organize by the election of the officers provided for in Art. IV., Sec. 1, of the Constitution.

The President shall then appoint the following standing committees of five members each:

- On Hebrew Union College;
- On Publications;
- On Finance;
- On Correspondence;
- On Reports of Congregations.

SECTION 2. The Committee on Hebrew Union College shall examine into all matters immediately connected with the maintenance of the College.

SECTION 3. The Committee on Publications shall examine into all propositions for the publication of books under the auspices or with the sanction of the Union.

SECTION 4. The Committee on Finance shall examine the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and inspect all bills for expenditures that may be presented during the session of the Council.

SECTION 5. The Committee on Correspondence shall examine into the correspondence had by the officers of the Executive Board and the Committee on Civil and Religious Rights during the recess of the Council.

SECTION 6. The Committee on Reports of Congregations shall examine the same, and suggest such measures in regard to them as may be of interest to the Union.

SECTION 7. The Council may appoint such additional special committees as may be deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VI.

Rules of Order for the Government of the Council.

SECTION 1. When the presiding officer takes the chair, the officers and members shall take their respective seats; and at the sound of the bell or gavel there shall be a general silence.

SECTION 2. The business of the regular meeting shall be taken up daily, as follows:

First—Prayer.

Second—Reading of the Minutes.

Third—Reports of Committees, in the following order:

I. Hebrew Union College.

II. Publications.

III. Finance.

IV. Correspondence.

V. Reports of Congregations.

Fourth—Reports of Special Committees.

Fifth—Resolutions.

Sixth—Miscellaneous Business.

SECTION 3. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum, and pronounce the decision of the Council on all subjects; he may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; he shall decide questions of order without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, subject to an appeal to the Council by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once.

SECTION 4. No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order, nor stand up to interrupt him, nor when a member is speaking pass between him and the Chair or leave the hall.

SECTION 5. Every member, when he speaks, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished, shall sit down. Members speaking shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personality or indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Council or its members.

SECTION 6. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

SECTION 7. No member shall speak until he has been recognized by the Chair.

SECTION 8. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question until all the members wishing to speak

shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice without permission of the Council.

SECTION 9. If a member, while speaking, be called to order by the Chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined and permission is given him to proceed.

SECTION 10. No motion shall be subject to debate until it shall have been seconded and stated by the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member.

SECTION 11. When a question is before the Council, no motion shall be received except for adjournment, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to divide, to commit or amend, which motions shall severally have preference in the order herein arranged.

SECTION 12. On the call of five members the previous question shall be put. The previous question having been ordered, all further amendments and debates shall be precluded; but the amendments that have been previously offered shall be voted upon in their order, before the main question.

SECTION 13. On the call of ten members the yeas and nays on any question shall be recorded.

SECTION 14. When a blank is to be filled and different sums, numbers or times shall be proposed, the question shall first be taken upon the highest sum or number, and latest or longest time.

SECTION 15. No motion for re-consideration shall be received unless moved by a member who voted in the majority in the first instance.

SECTION 16. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of one other committee.

SECTION 17. The person first named on a committee shall act as chairman thereof.

SECTION 18. The consequences of a measure may be reprobated in strong terms; but to arraign the motives of those who propose or advocate it is a personality and against order.

SECTION 19. While the Chair is putting a question or addressing the Council, or while any other member is speaking, no member shall walk about, or leave the Council, or entertain private discourse.

SECTION 20. No motion can be made by one member while another is speaking; and no motion can be made without rising and addressing the Chair.

SECTION 21. The Chair or any member doubting the decision of the question may call for a division of the Council and a count of the affirmative and negative vote.

SECTION 22. All reports of committees shall be in writing.

SECTION 23. Should any committee be appointed at one session of the Council to report at the next succeeding session, it shall be the duty of such committee to report in writing, even though they be not Representatives.

SECTION 24. Any member has a right to protest and to have his protest spread upon the minutes.

SECTION 25. Motions for adjournment, the previous question, to lie on the table and to postpone indefinitely, shall be put without debate.

SECTION 26. All questions of parliamentary law not herein provided for shall be decided in accordance with the rules laid down in Cushing's Manual.

SECTION 27. Any of these rules may be dispensed with by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

SECTION 28. All of the foregoing rules shall be binding upon all boards and committees so far as they may be applicable.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Executive Board, or by a vote of a majority of the members present and voting at any meeting of the Council.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on June 9, 1878, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 9, 1878. }

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment, President Loth in the Chair.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read a list of the receipts paid since last meeting amounting, to May 31, 1878 to \$796.50, and from June 1, 1878 to date to \$671.

The Secretary reported that on May 24, 1878, an order had been drawn on the Treasurer for \$1,095.63 for \$1,000 U. S. 5-20

bonds purchased for the Sinking Fund, and on June 4, 1878, orders had been drawn to the amount of \$630.03 for payments ordered by the Board of Governors, all of which was, on motion, approved.

The following bill, presented by the Secretary, was ordered to be paid:

Salary for May, 1878.....	\$50 00
Cash paid for express charges.....	25
“ “ “ deposit of bonds.....	1 00
“ “ “ postage.....	6 00

\$57 25

A letter was read from the United Hebrew Congregation of St. Louis, Mo., stating that it had become a member of the U. A. H. C.

Letters were read from Congregation Anshei Chesed of Bay City, Mich., and from Congregation Anshe Chesed of Cleveland, O., stating their inability to pay dues in consequence of financial embarrassments.

A letter was read from the former Secretary of the First Hebrew Congregation of Eureka, Nev., stating that it had been merged into a B'nai B'rith Lodge, and had, therefore, ceased to exist as a Congregation.

The Committee on procuring a reduction of railroad fares for Representatives attending the next Council reported progress.

The reports of the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board, the Board of Governors and President of the Hebrew Union College and of the Committees on Statistics and College Buildings and Grounds were presented and ordered to be printed for the use of the Fifth Council.

The foregoing minutes were then read and approved.

Adjourned.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1878.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1877.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
June 6	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	\$ 29 50
10	Bnai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	34 50
15	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville, O.....	19 00
16	Oheb Zedek.....	Pottsville, Pa.....	10 00
23	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	79 00
23	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	10 50
25	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	15 00
26	Or Zion.....	Peru, Ind.....	18 00
July 5	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	33 00
6	B'nai El.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	40 00
7	Akron Hebrew Association.....	Akron, O.....	22 00
7	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	50 00
10	Beth Israel.....	Houston, Texas.....	33 00
23	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, O.....	43 00
Aug. 9	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, O.....	11 50
28	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	170 00
29	Children of Israel.....	Athens, Ga.....	8 00
Sept. 4	B'nai Israel.....	Columbus, O.....	22 00
6	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	8 50
10	B'nai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	10 50
10	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	8 50
10	Bickur Cholim.....	Donaldsonville, La.....	10 00
11	Beth El.....	Helena, Ark.....	11 00
11	B'nai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 50
11	Brith Sholem.....	Springfield, Ill.....	25 00
12	B'nai Sholem.....	Huntsville, Ala.....	12 00
15	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	14 00
19	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton, O.....	15 00
20	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	14 00
23	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, O.....	8 00
24	B'nai Sholem.....	Bastrop, La.....	7 00
Oct. 2	First Hebrew.....	Eureka, Nevada.....	12 00
3	Bene Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	10 00
8	Victoria Hebrew Benev. Soc.....	Victoria, Texas.....	11 00
10	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	85 00
10	Knoxville Hebrew Benev.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	5 50
11	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	9 00
19	Farmerville Heb. Ben. Ass'n.....	Farmerville, La.....	10 50
23	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	51 00
24	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00
Nov. 1	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, Ohio.....	7 00
7	Ahavath Achim.....	Lafayette, Ind.....	15 50
24	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	15 00
Dec. 6	Gemilaa Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	12 00
6	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	42 00
20	Anshe Emeth.....	Peoria, Ill.....	24 00
27	Beth Israel.....	Meridian, Miss.....	28 00
29	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton, O.....	19 50
1878.			
Jan. 5	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	60 00

1878.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
Jan. 15	Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	\$ 80 00
17	Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland, O.....	40 00
23	Congregation of Israel.....	Omaha, Neb.....	10 00
25	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, O.....	92 50
29	Kehilath Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago, Ill.....	100 00
Feb. 1	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	13 00
13	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
Mar. 2	B'nai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	11 00
8	Children of Israel.....	Athens, Ga.....	8 00
9	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	10 00
10	B'nai Sholem.....	Huntsville, Ala.....	9 00
11	B'nai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	30 00
12	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton Ohio.....	15 00
12	B'nai Israel.....	Columbus, O.....	22 50
14	B'nai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 50
15	Farmerville Heb. Ben. Ass'n.	Farmerville, La.....	10 50
16	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden, Ark.....	15 00
16	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	17 00
17	Emanuel.....	Denver, Col.....	18 00
17	B'nai Sholem.....	Bastrop, La.....	7 50
18	Bickur Cholim.....	Donaldsonville, La.....	12 50
19	B'nai Sholem.....	Quincy, Ill.....	53 00
19	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	35 50
20	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	9 00
20	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette, Ind.....	14 70
20	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston, W. Va.....	11 50
22	Ohavia Sholem.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	40 00
24	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, O.....	7 50
27	Emann El.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	137 00
April 9	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	85 00
11	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	9 00
12	Victoria Hebrew Benev. Soc.	Victoria, Texas.....	11 00
12	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	8 50
12	Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland, O.....	37 50
12	Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, O.....	80 00
13	Knoxville Hebrew Benev.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	8 00
15	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, O.....	20 00
18	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.....	60 00
18	Beth El.....	Helena, Ark.....	23 00
25	Bene Yeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	10 00
29	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati, O.....	20 00
May 1	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, O.....	12 00
6	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans, La.....	140 00
7	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, O.....	12 00
11	Bnai Sholem.....	Quincy, Ill.....	53 00
11	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00
13	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
15	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	40 00
18	B'nai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	64 00
20	Beth El.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	20 00
21	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, O.....	92 50
	Total.....		\$3108 70

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 22	Jacob Seasongood.....	Cincinnati, O.....	\$ 50 00
25	Joseph Salzer.....	Carlisle, Ky.....	10 00
Aug. 28	Ben. Goldstein.....	Pana, Ill.....	5 00
28	Greenebaum & Bro.....	".....	2 00
28	Isaac Kempner.....	".....	2 50
28	B. Beckenheimer.....	".....	2 00
Sept. 3	S. Spear.....	Galesburg, Ill.....	5 00
4	Joseph Kronthal.....	Sandusky, O.....	3 00
4	L. Monat.....	".....	3 00
4	M. Lebensberger.....	".....	3 00
4	G. Hart.....	".....	3 00
4	Jacob Kronthal.....	".....	2 00
4	N. Bear.....	".....	3 00
4	D. Frohman.....	".....	2 00
5	Julius Freiberg.....	Cincinnati, O.....	50 00
5	Martin Stadler.....	".....	50 00
5	Samuel Reis.....	".....	10 00
5	Abraham Reis.....	".....	5 00
6	D. N. Klein.....	Meadville, Pa.....	1 00
11	William Goldstein.....	Shelbyville, Ill.....	2 50
11	Max Kleeman.....	".....	2 50
11	E. Moses.....	".....	1 00
11	H. Cottlow.....	".....	2 00
11	Morris Cottlow.....	".....	2 00
11	Henry Seinsheimer.....	Cincinnati, O.....	2 00
11	B. Bettman.....	".....	20 00
11	Sol. Wise.....	Abbeville, La.....	6 00
15	Gustav Levi.....	Quincy, Ill.....	20 00
15	Isaac Lesem.....	".....	20 00
15	Wolf Joseph.....	".....	10 00
15	H. Hirsch.....	".....	5 00
15	Charles Stern.....	".....	5 00
15	M. & S. Kingsbaker.....	".....	5 00
15	M. Jacobs.....	".....	5 00
15	M. Joseph.....	".....	5 00
19	A. Reiter.....	Greensburg, Ind.....	10 00
22	Morris Elgutter.....	Omaha, Neb.....	5 00
24	A. Furst.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	20 00
24	F. Westheimer.....	".....	10 00
24	Samuel Westheimer.....	".....	10 00
24	Isidor Weil.....	".....	5 00
24	Julius Meyer.....	".....	5 00
24	B. Newburger.....	".....	5 00
24	Samuel Hess.....	".....	5 00
24	Aaron Cahn.....	".....	5 00
24	A. Barth.....	".....	5 00
24	S. Rosenblatt.....	".....	5 00
24	S. Stern.....	".....	5 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Sept. 26	Mrs. Caroline Swarts.	Cincinnati, O.	\$ 25 00
29	C. Koch.	Cleveland, O.	10 00
29	J. Goldsmith.	"	10 00
29	S. Mann.	"	10 00
29	Moritz Joseph.	"	10 00
29	Manuel Halle.	"	10 00
29	Meyer Weil.	"	5 00
29	C. K. Halle.	"	5 00
29	A. W. Mann.	"	5 00
29	I. Nussbaum.	"	5 00
29	Sol. Sloss.	"	5 00
29	L. Halle.	"	5 00
29	J. Reinthal.	"	3 00
29	S. H. Bloch.	"	5 00
29	L. Aufrecht.	"	5 00
28	Emanuel Bloch.	"	5 00
29	J. Rohrheimer.	"	5 00
29	K. Hays.	"	5 00
29	Edward Muhsam.	"	3 00
29	Moses Halle.	"	5 00
29	S. Austrian.	"	5 00
29	Joseph Halle.	"	5 00
29	S. Sampliner.	"	2 00
29	M. Jacobs.	"	5 00
29	F. Strauss.	"	5 00
29	A. Goldsall.	"	5 00
29	Chas. Lederer & Son.	"	5 00
29	J. Steinfeld.	"	2 00
29	Felsenheim.	"	3 00
29	B. Salberg.	"	1 00
29	B. Shrier.	"	3 00
29	T. Harris.	"	2 00
29	J. Goodhart.	"	1 00
29	H. Baer.	"	1 00
29	E. Loeb.	"	1 00
29	A. Wiener.	"	5 00
29	E. Ullman, M. Ullman & L. Einstein.	"	10 00
29	Julius Schwarz.	"	2 00
29	Leopold Wolf.	"	1 00
29	M. Hoffman.	"	2 00
29	I. Hoffman.	"	2 00
29	M. Stock.	"	1 00
29	S. H. Einstein.	"	2 00
29	Simon Heavenrich.	Detroit, Mich.	10 00
29	Samuel Heavenrich.	"	10 00
29	Julius Robinson.	"	10 00
29	L. Lambert.	"	10 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Sept.	29 Seligman Schloss.....	Detroit, Mich.....	\$ 10 00
	29 Emanuel Schloss.....	".....	10 00
	29 Isidor Kauffmann.....	".....	10 00
	29 Simon Freedman.....	".....	10 00
	29 Sigmund Rothschild.....	".....	10 00
	29 Sigmund Simon.....	".....	5 00
	29 M. C. Fechheimer.....	".....	5 00
	29 Herman Fechheimer.....	".....	5 00
	29 E. S. Heineman.....	".....	10 00
	29 Magnus Butzel.....	".....	10 00
	29 Martin Butzel.....	".....	10 00
Oct.	3 Henry Katz.....	Clinton, Ill.....	1 00
	3 Gus. Katz.....	".....	1 00
	3 Louis Katz.....	".....	1 00
	13 Louis Adler.....	Lawrenceburg, Ind.....	1 00
	13 Jacob C. Wiles.....	".....	1 00
	13 Simon Kaufman.....	".....	1 00
	13 S. Strasburger.....	".....	1 00
	13 J. Mooney, Jr.....	".....	1 00
	16 Dr. I. Frank.....	Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
	19 I. Nussbaum.....	Cleveland, O.....	5 00
	23 James Levy.....	Cincinnati, O.....	20 00
	30 Jacob Seasongood.....	".....	50 00
Nov.	1 Kahn Brothers.....	Charleston, Ill.....	2 00
	5 Ph. Gottheimer.....	Omaha, Neb.....	2 00
	7 Max Heavenrich.....	St. Johns, Mich.....	10 00
	8 Harry Katz.....	Yankton, D. T.....	1 00
	9 S. Samuels.....	Columbus, Ind.....	2 50
	9 F. Vogel.....	".....	2 50
	9 S. Kiser.....	".....	1 00
	9 L. Kaufman.....	".....	1 00
	9 L. Samuels.....	".....	1 00
	9 L. Silverman.....	".....	1 00
	9 L. King.....	".....	1 00
	9 S. Rosenheim.....	".....	1 00
	9 D. Samuels.....	".....	1 00
	10 B. A. Feineman.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	20 00
Dec.	7 A. Blumenthal.....	Pomeroy, O.....	5 00
1878.			
Jan.	3 J. Rolfsen Skinner.....	Cincinnati, O.....	50 00
	12 L. Cahn.....	New Orleans, La.....	1 00
May	7 Emanuel Loth, Jr.....	Cincinnati, O.....	2 00
	7 Moritz Loth, Jr.....	".....	2 00
Total.....			\$961 50

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 2	H. A. Kohn.....	Chicago, Ill	\$100 00
2	Joseph A. Kohn.....	"	100 00
2	D. A. Kohn.....	"	100 00
2	Samuel and Philip Goldman..	"	25 00
4	Emanuel Wertheimer.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	50 00
4	Joseph and Jacob Klee.....	"	50 00
4	Mrs. L. Morgenstern.....	"	50 00
4	Simon Kaufman.....	"	25 00
4	Joseph Morgenstern.....	"	25 00
4	Louis Rosenberger.....	"	10 00
4	William Frank.....	"	10 00
4	Isaac Bierman.....	"	10 00
4	Joseph Kaufman.....	"	10 00
4	Julius Adler.....	"	10 00
4	Charles Zeugschmidt.....	"	10 00
4	William Herzog.....	"	10 00
4	Joseph Meyers.....	"	10 00
4	A. Lippman.....	"	10 00
4	M. Oppenheimer.....	"	10 00
4	Alexander Fink.....	"	10 00
4	J. Lehman.....	"	10 00
4	S. Pretzfeld.....	"	10 00
4	S. Galinger.....	"	10 00
4	Isaac Heidelberg.....	"	10 00
4	B. S. Klee.....	"	10 00
4	S. Strassburger.....	"	10 00
4	J. Hannach.....	"	5 00
4	Isaac Kahn.....	"	5 00
4	H. Heidelberg.....	"	5 00
4	M. Klein.....	"	5 00
4	J. Benswanger.....	"	5 00
4	H. Herzog.....	"	5 00
8	Leopold & Austrian.....	Chicago, Ill.....	50 00
10	B. Schwarz.....	San Antonio, Tex.....	20 00
10	M. Konigheim.....	"	10 00
10	Marengo Lodge No. 283, I. O. B. B	Demopolis, Ala.....	11 10
15	Samuel Heineman.....	Zanesville, O.....	1 00
26	Herman E. Sterne.....	Peru, Ind	100 00
July 12	Josiah Cohen.....	Pittsburg, Pa	25 00
12	Nathan Bloom.....	Louisville, Ky.....	250 00
18	Nathan Eisendrath.....	Chicago, Ill.....	25 00
21	I. Dyer, Executor of Rosan- nah Osterman.....	Galveston, Tex.....	250 00
21	Leon N. Levy.....	"	5 00
30	Marcus Lesinsky.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.....	10 00
30	Saul Lesinsky.....	"	5 00
Aug. 5	M. K. Bitterman.....	Junction City, Kansas.....	1 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.—*Continued.*

1877.	Name	Residence.	Amount.
Aug. 16	Philip Sanger.....	Dallas, Tex.....	\$ 40 00
16	M. Ullman.....	".....	20 00
16	Dr. E. M. Tillman.....	".....	20 00
16	Joseph Lahnstein.....	".....	20 00
16	Alexander Sanger.....	".....	20 00
16	Simon Wolf.....	".....	10 00
16	M. Wohl.....	".....	5 00
19	I. Friedlander.....	Fort Stockton, Tex.....	25 00
23	Heirs of Emanuel Newman...	Buffalo, N. Y.....	500 00
25	Young Ladies' & Gentlemen's Aid Society.....	Monroe, La.	15 00
Sept. 5	Marcus Fehcheimer.....	Cincinnati, O.....	500 00
7	Max L. Gutman.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	10 00
12	Mrs. L. Goodman, Sr.....	Terre Haute, Ind.....	5 00
21	Ladies' Hebrew Benev. Soc...	".....	25 00
Oct. 8	A. Anspacher.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	102 25
30	Henry Six.....	Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
Nov. 1	Nicholas Scharff.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	20 00
14	Admin'rs of Solomon Bloom.	Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
Dec. 13	A. Levi.....	Dubuque, Iowa.....	5 00
14	A friend.....	".....	25 00
27	S. Wildberg.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
31	Joseph Wolfert.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	25 00
1878.			
Jan. 9	Mrs. Samuel Rosenthal.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	20 00
17	S. Plaut.....	Homer, Ill.....	5 00
Feb. 25	Wm. Goodheart.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
Mar. 23	S. Adler.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	10 00
23	Nich. Scharff.....	".....	20 00
23	Kohn & Co.....	".....	20 00
Apr. 17	Mrs. Max L. Gutman.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	20 00
19	Mrs. Mina Kingsbacher.....	Quincy, Ill.....	100 00
26	Jacob Rosenberg.....	Chicago, Ill.....	100 00
26	Lazarus Silverman.....	".....	100 00
26	Morris Einstein.....	".....	100 00
26	Martin Clayburgh.....	".....	100 00
26	Morris Selz.....	".....	50 00
26	Marcus Weil.....	".....	25 00
26	Sam. & Philip Goldman.....	".....	25 00
26	Henry S. Kohn.....	".....	10 00
30	Leopold & Austrian.....	".....	25 00
May 13	S. Mountner.....	Cleveland, O.....	10 00
20	H. A. Kohn.....	Chicago, Ill.....	100 00
20	D. A. Kohn.....	".....	100 00
20	Jos. A. Kohn.....	".....	100 00
	Total.....		\$4170 35

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 6	Dr. E. Gumpert.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	\$ 1 00
6	M. B. Levy (collection at a silver wedding).....	San Francisco, Cal.....	8 60
11	Isaac Saller.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	10 00
13	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Omaha, Neb.....	11 00
14	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Macon, Ga.....	80 00
15	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	St. Joseph, Mo.....	30 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Detroit, Mich.....	4 00
July 10	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Buffalo, N. Y.....	2 00
21	Hebrew Educational Aid Soc'y	Indianapolis, Ind.....	41 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Bainbridge, Ga.....	10 00
23	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Peru, Ind.....	11 00
Aug. 2	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Akron, O.....	5 00
5	M. K. Bitterman.....	Junction City, Kansas.....	1 00
5	Henry Frei.....	Kansas, Ill.....	1 00
5	Mrs. Caroline Frei.....	".....	1 00
16	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Sioux City, Iowa.....	12 00
22	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Oil City, Pa.....	15 00
Sept. 3	Mrs. D. Alexander.....	Victoria, Tex.....	2 50
7	Mrs. S. Klein.....	Cincinnati, O.....	2 50
7	Charles Henry.....	New York City.....	1 00
11	William Goodheart.....	Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
13	L. M. Jacobs & Co.....	Tucson, Arizona.....	30 00
13	Winona Educational Aid Soc'y	Winona, Miss.....	35 00
19	Young Ladies (per Joseph Krauskopf).....	New York City, N. Y.....	7 00
21	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Terre Haute, Ind.....	19 00
23	Leopold Friedman.....	Weston, Mo.....	2 00
23	S. H. Seligsberg.....	".....	2 00
23	I. Frank.....	".....	2 00
Oct. 8	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Vicksburg, Miss.....	12 00
16	A. Aub.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
18	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	St. Paul, Minn.....	10 50
Nov. 6	Ladies' W. & O. Asyl. Ass'n...	Cincinnati, O.....	200 00
15	B. Bear.....	Gordonsville, Va.....	2 00
Dec. 2	Loeb & Bloom.....	Paducah, Ky.....	10 00
11	A friend.....	".....	5 00
13	A. Levi.....	Dubuque, Iowa.....	1 00
13	Minette Levi.....	".....	1 00
13	Celina Levi.....	".....	1 00
13	Eugene J. Levi.....	".....	1 00
14	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Portsmouth, O.....	16 00
14	Master Solomon Stern.....	Vinton, Iowa.....	5 00
14	Master Marcus Stern.....	".....	5 00
28	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Fall River, Mass.....	9 00
1878.			
Jan. 2	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Des Moines, Iowa.....	15 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Jan.	5 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Des Moines, Iowa	\$ 1 00
	7 Gateway City Ed. Aid Society	La Crosse, Wis.....	22 00
	12 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Rock Port, Mo.....	3 00
	19 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Keokuk, Iowa	16 00
	21 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Shreveport, La.....	34 00
	24 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Meridian, Miss.....	22 00
	25 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Chicago, Ill.....	136 00
	26 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Wabash & Huntington, Ind..	15 00
Feb.	1 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Columbus, Ind.....	10 00
	2 Clinton Educational Aid Soc'y	Clinton, Iowa.....	11 00
	4 Camden Educat'l Aid Society	Camden, Ark.....	15 00
	7 Circleville Ed. Aid Society....	Circleville, O.....	8 00
	8 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Eufaula, Ala.....	11 00
	11 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Franklin, Pa.....	12 00
	11 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Warrensburg, Mo.....	10 00
	11 "A. Christian."	Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	5 00
	11 S. Cohn.....	"	1 00
	11 M. Krouse.....	"	1 00
	11 Dr. E. Gumpert.....	"	1 00
	12 P. Kiss.....	Chicago, Ill.....	5 00
	20 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	17 00
	23 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Selma, Ala.....	20 00
	27 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	21 00
	28 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Atchison, Kansas.....	9 00
Mar.	3 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Chattanooga, Tenn.....	1 00
	6 Zanesville Ed. Aid Society....	Zanesville, O.....	12 00
	7 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Petersburg, Ind.....	6 00
	7 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Port Gibson, Miss.....	19 00
	7 Vicksburg Ed. Aid Society....	Vicksburg, Miss.....	27 00
	8 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Rochester, N. Y.....	75 00
	12 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Piqua, O.....	9 00
	14 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Detroit, Mich.....	41 00
	14 E. Bach.....	Oskaloosa, Iowa.....	5 00
	19 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Titusville, Pa.....	20 00
	20 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Youngstown, O.....	18 00
	25 Grace Angilar Ed. Aid Soc'y..	Natchez, Miss.....	83 50
	26 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Troy, O.....	2 00
	28 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Vincennes, Ind.....	3 00
April	1 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Galveston, Tex.....	66 00
	11 Kalamazoo Ed. Aid Society...	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	19 00
	16 Kalamazoo Ed. Aid Society...	"	1 00
	17 S. Blumenfeld.....	Chicago, Ill.....	1 00
	17 F. & R. Lazarus.....	Columbus, O.....	25 00
May	7 Ladies' W. & O. Asyl. Ass'n...	Cincinnati, O.....	200 00
	7 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	St. Paul, Minn.....	10 50
	7 Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Evansville, Ind.....	32 00

**DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS
OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—Continued.**

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
May 13	Mrs. Sig. Mayer.....	Eutaw, Ala.....	\$ 1 00
13	Mrs. Max Schottenfels.. ..	"	1 00
13	Miss Betty Sanders.....	"	1 00
14	Mrs. Adolph Loth (collections)	St. Louis, Mo.....	62 00
14	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Kansas City, Mo.....	3 00
20	Ladies' Educational Aid Soc'y	Buffalo, N. Y.....	106 00
26	Gentlemen's Ed. Aid Society	Wheeling, W. Va.....	27 00
	Total.....	.....	\$1988 10

BIBLES.

1877.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June. 1	M. C. Levy.....	Bayou Sara, La.....	\$ 1 00
2	Rev. S. Gerstman.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	7 00
5	William Lovenstein.....	Richmond, Va.....	25 00
28	L. N. Dembitz.....	Louisville, Ky.....	2 00
Nov. 17	S. Mayer & Co.....	Eutaw, Ala.....	1 00
17	M. Wiesenfeld.....	Lenoir, N. C.....	1 00
21	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	12 00
23	Dr. V. Rundbaken.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	3 00
30	Dr. M. Samfield.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	5 00
Dec. 11	Rev. Samuel M. Laski.....	Altoona, Pa.....	1 00
13	H. Berkowitz.....	Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
14	Rev. Dr. M. Tintner.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	3 00
27	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	8 00
1878.			
Jan. 3	Ph. W. Gundersheimer, ...	Baltimore, Md.....	3 00
	Dr. M. Spitz.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	2 00
16	Ph. W. Gundersheimer, ...	Baltimore, Md.....	1 00
Feb. 1	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
11	Joseph Schwarz.....	Pawtucket, R. I.....	1 00
22	Jos. Schiffman.....	Gainesville, Ala.....	1 00
25	H. Berkowitz.....	Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
27	L. Schlesinger.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1 00
Mar. 25	A. Iser.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	1 00
Apr. 1	D. H. Salinger.....	Atchison, Kansas.....	1 00
	I. Spitzer.....	Concordia, Miss.....	1 00
	Michael Ash.....	Palestine, Texas.....	1 00
	Samuel M. Schultz.....	Greenville, N. C.....	1 00
	I. Spitzer.....	Concordia, Miss.....	1 00
May 5	Rev. J. G. Bass.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1 00
15	L. N. Dembitz.....	Louisville, Ky.....	8 00
19	Marx Lesem.....	Louisiana, Mo.....	1 00
	Total.....	.....	\$ 121 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1877.			
June	28.	Proceeds of gold interest on \$27,500 U. S. 5-20 bonds....	\$ 865 22
July	28.	Interest on deposits by Treasurer to July 6, 1877,.....	218 30
Nov.	14.	U. S. 5-20 \$500 called bond (gold),.....	513 12
"		Interest on U. S. 5-20 \$500 called bond (gold),.....	9 77
Dec.	28.	Proceeds of gold interest on \$27,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds,....	829 27
1878.			
Mar.	11.	Interest on deposits by Treasurer to Jan. 6, 1878,.....	262 65
Total.....			<u>\$2,698 33</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Dues from Congregations,.....	\$3,108 70
Annual Contributions,.....	961 50
Donations to Sinking Fund,.....	4,170 35
" Indigent Students' Fund,.....	1,988 10
Bibles,.....	121 00
Miscellaneous,.....	2,698 33
Total Receipts,.....	<u>13,047 98</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer June 1, 1877,...	9,052 09
	<u>\$22,100 07</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

(For Details see Proceedings of Executive Board.)

Printing and Stationery,.....	\$ 594 15
Postage, expressage and exchange,.....	95 03
Jewish periodicals,.....	35 00
Secretary's salary,.....	550 00
Invested in U. S. 5-20 bonds,.....	8,500 00
Premium on " ".....	835 76
Interest on Adler donation,.....	600 00
Expenses of Philadelphia Council,.....	160 43
" Joint Committee on Statistics,...	125 00
Bibles,.....	488 21
Miscellaneous,.....	970 45
Payments ordered by the Board of Govern- ors of the Hebrew Union College,...	<u>5,827 96</u>
	<u>18,781 99</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	<u>\$ 3,318 08</u>
(Of which \$3,197 36 belong to the General Fund and \$120 72 belong to the Sinking Fund.)	
\$35,000 00 in U. S. 5-20 bonds belonging to the Sinking Fund, deposited with Cincin- nati Safe Deposit Company; market value estimated.....	<u>38,325 00</u>
Total funds on hand,.....	<u>\$41,643 08</u>
Subscriptions to Sinking Fund not yet collected	<u>37,455 00</u>
Total assets.....	<u>\$79,098 08</u>

INDIGENT STUDENTS' FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of fund on June 1, 1877,....	\$3,229 93
Amount appropriated by Fourth Council,....	3,500 00
Donations received.....	1,988 10
Total.....	\$ 8,718 03
Disbursements made by order of the Board of Governors,.....	4,048 66
Balance to credit of Fund,.....	\$ 4,669 37

BIBLE FUND ACCOUNT.

1877.		
Dec.	3. To amount paid for 500 Bibles (including freight)	\$ 488 21
	By amount received from sales,.....	121 00
	Balance Dr.	\$ 367 21

BIBLE ACCOUNT.

Number of Bibles on hand June 1, 1877,.....	58	
Purchased,	500	558
Sold,.....		121
Number of Bibles on hand,		437

CONCLUDING REMARKS.

I can not close this report without expressing my thanks to my associates in the Executive Board for their kind assistance in aiding me in the discharge of my duties, and to those officers and members of Congregations, who, by their active co-operation, have brought about the present flourishing condition of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an institution which has already realized in its infancy the anticipation of its founders and friends, and which we fondly hope will, in the not distant future, prove to be the bond which will unite all American Israel in one brotherhood, having in view the great cause of Education and Progress.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year, ending May 31, 1878:

	General Fund.	Sinking Fund.
Balance in Treasurer's hands on June 1, 1877.....	\$ 4,279 08	\$ 4,773 01
Received from Lipman Levy, Secretary,	8,364 51	4,683 47
	\$12,643 59	\$ 9,456 48
Orders paid, Nos. 207 to 296, both inclusive.....	9,446 23	9,335 76
	\$ 3,197 36	\$ 120 72
Balance on hand		

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LEVI,
Treasurer.

Report of the President of the Hebrew Union College.

שלום רב לאוהבי תורתך

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, June, 1878. }

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors
H. U. C.:*

נרול ח"י מהצלת נפשות ומבנין בית המקדש (מנילה)

GENTLEMEN:—With special thanksgiving to the Almighty, and with the cheerfulness which a triumphant cause inspires, I have the honor to submit to you my third annual report from the H. U. C., an evidence of the divine promise:

לא ימושו מפִּי וְנִי

That the words of God shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy children, nor out of the mouth of thy children's children, saith God, from now to evermore. There was a time when some of our most earnest men doubted the ability and willingness of American-born lads to embrace successfully the cause of Jewish learning; and that doubt was equal to gloomy predictions to the American Israel, whose decline was apprehended as a certainty, holding pace with the decline of Jewish learning. That doubt and that apprehension, gentlemen, is overcome by the facts which I have to report to you from the College. Your earnest and ardent labor is being crowned with success. The Union of American Hebrew Congregations triumphs in its very first institution established and fostered. The charitable daughters of Israel who provide for the indigent students, and the generous donors who have endowed this College, may look upon the delight of God prospering in their hands. There is in this work God's special blessing,

therefore it prospers; therefore also this earnest devotion of officers, teachers, students, all the noble and generous supporters thereof.

SUBJECTS OF THE CURRICULUM.

In order to convey a correct idea of the students' work in this College, permit me to call your attention to the fact that in obedience to the fundamental law governing this institution, and a particular decision of yours from October last, none but graduates of colleges or *de facto* students of the Cincinnati High School or University are admitted to the H. U. C. In consequence thereof twenty-one of our students are also regular students of the college department of the Cincinnati High School, except two taking the same course at Chickering's Classical College, and two are among the students of the classical course of the University, entered for the highest degree. They must be present in those schools five days weekly, up to 2 p. m. every day. In the High School, the students in a four years' course are held to go over a full course of Latin, Greek, German, French, Physical Geography, History, Algebra, Geometry and Surveying; a general survey of Physiology, Natural Philosophy, Botany, Geology and Chemistry; English Literature and Book-keeping, Composition and Elocution, besides Drawing or Music and Penmanship. The course at the University is comparatively still more difficult. It is evident, therefore, that our time in the Hebrew Union College is very limited, and what can not be done in the two hours' daily sessions, from 4 to 6 p. m., can scarcely be expected of the students. Therefore, I felt obliged to give an extra lesson on Sabbath-day in Talmud to Grade B, and Preceptor Eppinger does the same in Grade C.

And yet we have been able, during the three scholastic years of this department, to take Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars through, and to read the following originals: The whole Pentateuch and some portions with *Rashi's* Commentary; the six books of the Former Prophets (נביאים ראשונים); the twelve Minor Prophets and fifteen chapters of Isaiah; the whole of the Proverbs of Solomon, seventy-four Psalms, and the Book of Esther. There has been read from the *Mishnah*:

1. <i>Aboth</i> ,	5	<i>Perakim</i> .
2. <i>Pesachim</i> (1 to 5 and 10 Perek.),	6	"
3. <i>Yoma</i> ,	8	"
4. <i>Succah</i> (4 and 5 Perek),	2	"
5. <i>Rosh Hashonah</i> ,	4	"
6. <i>Taanith</i> ,	4	"
7. <i>Meghuillah</i> ,	4	"
8. <i>Moed Katan</i> ,	3	"
9. <i>Haguigah</i> (1 and 2),	3	"
10. <i>Sotah</i> (7, 8 and 9),	3	"
11. <i>Baba Kamma</i> ,	10	"
12. <i>Baba Meziah</i> ,	10	"
13. <i>Baba Bathra</i> ,	10	"
14. <i>Sanhedrin</i> (1 to 5, 10 and 11),	7	"

Perakim of Mishnah, 79

Besides there has been read a large portion of *Mechilta*, and in Talmud *Berachoth*,

From 2*a* to 22*b*, 42 pages.

" 26*a* to 35*b*, 20 "

" 45*a* to 64*a*, 37 "

Pages of Talmud, 99

Grade B has gone over this whole literature and history of the Hebrew People to 150 A. C.; while the lower grades have read in proportion.

It is, to the best of my knowledge, safe to advance that there is no school in this or any other country that has accomplished more in three years' time than this H. U. C. has. The mystery of this success is in the holy earnestness which prevades preceptors and students, as well as the officers who manage the affairs of this institute so successfully. Not a moment is squandered, no interruption is tolerated; it is all work, earnest work.

LAST YEAR'S WORK.

There are now in the College twenty-three students, graded as follows:

GRADE B.—9.*

Israel Aaron, of Pennsylvania.
Alex. F. Ullman, of Missouri.
David Philipson, of Ohio.
Joseph Krauskopf, of Massachusetts.
Henry Berkowitz, of Pennsylvania.
Nathan Cohn, of Tennessee.
Joseph Rothschild, of Maryland.
Louis D. Marks, of Ohio.
Isaac Rubenstein, of Russia.

GRADE C.—5.

Ludwig Grossman, of New York.
Moritz Sachs, of Ohio.
Moses S. Hahn, of Tennessee.
Joseph Silverman, of Ohio.
Wm. Loewenberg, of Pennsylvania.

GRADE D.—9.

George W. Harris, of Ohio.
Morris L. Bettman, of Ohio.
Charles Silverman, of Ohio.
Morris Berkowitz, of Pennsylvania.
Adolph Bonnheim, of Ohio.
Elijah Wise, of Louisiana.
Herman Messing, of California.
Maurice J. Freiberg, of Ohio.
Nathan Wolfstein, of Ohio.

Two are at the University, viz.: Israel Aaron and Nathan Cohn.

Two are admitted to the University, viz.: Berkowitz and Ullman.

The other students are so classed that they can simultaneously pass the high-school for the university and the Preparatory for the Collegiate Department in the College.

During the last year there have been teaching in the College.

*The students in all grades are mentioned in succession, according to their standing in their respective classes.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, history in all classes and prophets in Grade B, four hours weekly; Rev. Mr. Harris, Torah and Former Prophets in all classes and *Rashi* in Grades B and C, ten hours weekly; Mr. Solomon Eppinger, Mechilta in Grade D, Mishnah in Grades C and D, Talmud and Aramaic Grammar in Grade C, eleven hours weekly; and I taught Talmud in Grade B and Mishnah, six hours weekly.

The various classes read during the last year as follows:

GRADE B.

1. BIBLE—Leviticus (and selections from Rashi), the Former Prophets, fifteen chapters of Isaiah; and, from Minor Prophets, from Micah to the end of the book.

2. MISHNAH—Yoma, Baba Kamma, Baba Mezhiah and Baba Bathra complete.

3. TALMUD—Berachoth, from fol. 13 to the end as marked above.

4. HISTORY—to 150 A. C.

GRADE C.

1. BIBLE—Torah (Rashi) and Former Prophets with Grade B.

2. Aramaic Grammar, complete.

3. MISHNAH—Pesachim, 1 to 5 and 10; Perek; Yoma, 1, 2, 7 and 8 Perk.; Succah, 4 and 5 Perk.; Rosh Hashonah, Tanith, Meguillah, Moed Katan and Haguigah complete.

4. TALMUD—*Berachoth*, from 2 to 13a and from 26a to 28b.

5. History to 142 B. C.

GRADE D.

1. BIBLE—to Genesis xlix., Joshua, and Judges xvii.

2. HEBREW GRAMMAR—the noun and the verb.

3. MECHILTA—Petichta, in Shirah Sections 1 to 4, and Bachodesh, Section 1.

4. MISHNAH—Aboth complete, and from Sanhedrin 1 to 6, 10 and 11, Perakim.

5. History with Grade C.

Being myself one of the teachers and deeply interested in every one of the students, it is not for me to report to you how well teachers and students did succeed. Your committee on examination will report to you the results of the annual exam-

ination of the last week in June; and the examiners appointed by the Council will report impartially and fully to the Council in Milwaukee whether teachers and students have done their duty. I may say, however, that the attendance was always punctual and the discipline unexceptionable.

NEXT YEAR'S WORK.

With the beginning of the scholastic year, the first Monday in September next, the Preparatory Department of the H. U. C. is to be fully organized in its four grades, A, B, C and D, as prescribed in your fundamental laws. The graduates of Grade B will form Grade A, those of C Grade B, and those of D Grade C. Grade D is to be formed of new-comers, some of which are already announced. I have no changes to propose in the course of the Grades B, C and D, as the last Council, held in Philadelphia, has fully indorsed it. For the new Grade A, I propose the following curriculum :

1. BIBLE—Prophets to be continued from B regularly; Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, with a review of Aramaic Grammar to be added; also Deuteronomy, with Targum and Rashi—five hours weekly.

2. TALMUD—for analytical reading with reference to the history of casuistics, from *Cholin*, Section *Elu Trephoth*; for cursory reading with reference to hermeneutics, from *Sanhedrin*, Section *Chelek*—five hours weekly.

3. Samuel Bagster's Syriac Reading Lessons — one hour weekly.

4. HISTORY—continued from B—two half hours weekly.

5. One graduating essay by every student.

As in several studies two grades can be brought together simultaneously under one teacher, there would be required thirty-three hours instruction for the four grades in each week. If Rev. Dr. Lilienthal is willing to volunteer again for two hours weekly to teach Prophets besides his two extra hours for history, I will take nine hours weekly, which leaves twenty-two hours weekly for the preceptors to occupy; hence no more than two preceptors will be required for the four grades, and the expenses for tuition will be no larger than last year.

The time table for the next year will be thus :

GRADES				
	A	B	C	D
MONDAY	4 to 5 5 to 6	Talm'd Chelek Daniel, etc.	same with A same with A	Talmud Hebrew
TUESDAY	4 to 5 5 to 6	Talmud Chulin Prophets	Tal. Berachoth Proverbs	Hebrew Mishnah
WEDNESDAY ...	Studies same as Monday.			
THURSDAY	Studies same as Tuesday.			
FRIDAY	4 to 5	Syriac Grammar in A and B, all the rest like Wednesday, only Deuteronomy, with Rashi for Daniel.		
SATURDAY	One hour like Tuesday from 4 to 5.			

NOTE I. Rev. Dr. Lillienthal takes history in C and D Monday and Wednesday half-past three; in A and B, Tuesday and Thursday after or before the Prophet lesson to half-past six.

NOTE II. Hebrew Grammar is to be taken daily in C and D with Hebrew lesson, and then the time to be equally divided between THORAH and the Former Prophets.

NOTE III. Aramaic Grammar is to be reviewed with A and B in the Daniel, etc., lesson.

THE PRIZES.

A resolution in the last Council ordains that medals be given to the best students. I would respectfully request this Board to propose to the next Council the following substitute, viz.:

§ 1. One first prize and one second prize shall be awarded annually by the examiners appointed by the Council to the two most competent graduates from the Preparatory Department of the H. U. C., provided that the said graduates shall have commenced their Talmudical studies in this College, and provided also that such graduate shall have received the note of perfect (10) in every study of Grade A, in conduct and attendance; and the said examiners of the Council shall determine to whom the first and to whom the second prize shall be awarded.

§ 2. The first prize shall consist of a **DIPLOMA**, signed by the said examiners, the presidents of the College and the Board of Governors and bearing the seal of the College, and a number of books, in value not exceeding fifty dollars; and the second prize shall consist of a similar *Diploma*, and books in value not exceeding thirty dollars.

§ 3. The President of the College shall prepare for the examiners the said **DIPLOMAS** and books.

THE LIBRARY.

I have not been able to complete a report on the library, which by the contributions of generous donors has increased to nearly four hundred volumes; however, arrangements are made that you will be given a complete catalogue in a few months, to be embodied in next year's report. All students of the College have been provided gratuitously with the necessary text-books hitherto without an expense to the Union of A. H. C. of approaching a hundred dollars. For the approaching year, however, five hundred dollars (\$500) should be appropriated for books, and especially the following:

1. The Bible, by Dr. Julius Fuerst.
2. Talmud Yerushalmi.
3. Tosephta.
4. Hilchoth Rab Alphas.
5. Siphri and Saphra.

6. The publications of the London Jewish Publication Society.

7. The publications of the German Jewish Publication Society.

8. The publications of the Mekizai Nirdamim.

9. The works of Dr. Abraham Geiger, of Dr. Zachary Frankel, of Dr. Graetz and Dr. Zunz.

10. The Hebrew Chronographies, of which we have only SEDER HADOROTH.

These would for the time being complete our library as far as we need it, and the books are not in the public libraries of Cincinnati.

And now, Mr. President, permit me to express my thanks to this Board for the confidence vested in me and the generous support given me in the discharge of my duties. Thanking the Almighty for the success achieved and the work done so far

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and praying for His benign blessings and providential care to be with you and the College you conduct, with the teachers and students thereof, with the generous donors to the funds and the library of this institute, with the good mothers in Israel who provide for our indigent students, and with the Union of A. H. C., the eminent mother of Israel's future glory in this our glorious country, our rock of peace, concord and progress, I have the honor to be truly,

אנא עבר לתורה ולא תשכחה מִיִּשְׂרָאֵל

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President H. U. C.

P. S.—After the above had been written one copy of Van der Hooght's Hebrew Bible, two volumes, 8mo., was received, donation of Mr. Samuel Kahn, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Also by Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., the following volumes:

1. Horae Hebraicae et Talmudicae, etc. By John Lightfoot. 1,152 pages quarto and index. Edit, Leipzig, 1675.

2. Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church. By A. P. Stanley. Third Series. Edit., New York, 1876. Octavo, 549 pages.

3. Epistolae Juliani Imperatoris. Greek and Latin, with Notes. By L. H. Heiler. Octavo, 576 pages. Edit., Mainz, 1828.

4. Catalogue of Hebrew Books and MSS. Fredric Muller. Amsterdam, 1868.

5. Collection of various monographies in one volume.

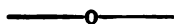
6. Beitrage zur Kritik des Buches Hiob. By C. Budde. Bonn, 1876. Octavo, 160 pages.

7. Renau und der Judaismus. By Dr. A Sulzbach. 12mo., 53 pages. Frankfort-o.-t.-M., 1867.

8. Der Letzte der Ramessiden, etc. By Max Uhlmann. 12mo., 324 pages. Leipzig, 1860.

In my monthly reports I have acknowledged receipts of valuable books, especially those donated by Louis Sterne, Esq., of Boston, Mass.

I. M. W.



Report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.



To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have the honor to submit to you, in accordance with Section 8 of the laws governing the College, their annual report of proceedings, accompanying therewith the report of the President of the College, for reference to the Council, which will convene in the city of Milwaukee on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 3, 1877. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board present, viz.: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Henry Adler, Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following communication was received from Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, which was read and ordered to be recorded:

CINCINNATI, June 3, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—I can not add anything to the annual report made, as nothing has occurred in the affairs of the College to require any addition thereto.

I beg leave, however, to inform you that the examination of the students will take place, commencing on Wednesday, June 27, 1877, at nine o'clock A. M., in the Mound Street Temple, before the Board of Examiners appointed at the last meeting of the Council held in the city of Washington, D. C., and trust it may be the pleasure of your Board to be present on that occasion.

I also beg leave to request the Board to adopt Morris Sachs as an indigent student; he has been admitted as a pupil to the high-school, and is now a successful student of our Grade D. I have always provided for his necessary wants at my own expense.

I am, your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was ordered that the Secretary be requested to inform the Board of Examiners that the annual examination and commencement of the students of the College will take place on the last Wednesday and Thursday in June, and Sunday, the first day in July, 1877.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was ordered that the closing exercises of the students of the College, under the auspices of the "Azilia B'nai Israel," will take place on Sunday,

the first day of July, at 2½ P. M., at Eureka Hall, that a committee of three be appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the examination and closing exercises of the students, with power to expend a reasonable sum of money to carry out the said arrangements.

The President appointed the following committee, viz.: Messrs. Solomon Levi, Julius Freiberg and A. J. Friedlander.

Julius Freiberg, Esq., President of "K. K. B'nai Israel," granted the use of the Temple for the examination of the students.

In accordance with the preceding orders, the Secretary of the Board of Governors issued the following circular:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, June 22, 1877. }

The annual examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College will commence on Wednesday, the 27th inst., at nine o'clock A. M., in the Mound Street Temple. The classes be examined by the following gentlemen appointed at the last session of the Council, viz.:

Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, of Pittsburg, Pa.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, of St. Louis, Mo.

Lewis N. Dembitz, of Louisville, Ky.

ORDER OF EXAMINATION.

Wednesday, from 9 to 12 A. M., Pentateuch and Mishnah, in both classes; from 2 to 5 P. M., Bible and Mechilta.

Thursday, from 9 to 12 A. M., Bible and Hebrew Grammar; from 2 to 5 P. M., Talmud and History.

Friday, subjects at the pleasure of the examiners.

Closing exercises of the Hebrew Union College, under the auspices of the Society.

אצילי בני ישראל

Assisted by the choir of the Mound Street Temple, Prof. Andre, Conductor. To be held Sunday, July 1, 1877, at 2½ P. M., at Eureka hall. Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Secretary Board of Governors.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was ordered that the President of this Board request, at the next annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, an appropriation of \$3,500 for the support of indigent students of the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing year.

On motion of Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., it was ordered that this Board recommend the next Council to offer one free scholarship in the Hebrew Union College commencing now, and annually hereafter, which shall include tuition, boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., to the most meritorious boy in each of the Jewish Orphan Asylums in the United States, who shall possess the necessary qualifications for entering the Hebrew Union College.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lienthal it was ordered that Moritz Sachs, having the proper qualifications, be admitted as an indigent student to the Hebrew Union College.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was ordered that the pay of the Janitor be fixed at \$4.00 per month during the summer.

The Committee on "Bondi Library" reported progress, and desired further time to make their final report.

The Committee on Accommodation, etc., reported that they deemed it unadvisable to make any change of location for the College at present.

The following communication was received and read, and ordered to be recorded:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF
THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS, }
CINCINNATI, May 29, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to inform you that the following-named persons have complied with Section 2, Article VI., of the By-Laws, and are entitled to honorary membership in your Board:

Mr. Herman E. Sterne,	Peru, Ind.
" Henry Adler,	Cincinnati, O.
" Phillip Heidelberg,	"
" Jacob Seasongood,	"
" Samuel Kuhn,	"
" Solomon Levi,	"
" Leopold Levi,	"
" Gerson Fox,	Hartford, Conn.

Mr. A. J. Friedlander,	Cincinnati, O.
" Moritz Loth,	"
" I. J. Friedlander,	"
" Charles Kahn, Jr.,	"
" Gustav Ranger,	Galveston, Texas.
Mrs. Caroline Swartz,	Cincinnati, O.

Very respectfully,

LIPMAN LEVY, *Secretary.*

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was ordered that the Secretary of this Board procure a book in which to register, alphabetically, the names of all honorary members of the Board of Governors, and inform each member of their membership, with time and place for holding regular meetings of the Board.

The following bills, properly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board, lodging, etc., 12 students, month of May, 1877	\$306 70
P. Halligan, bill for repairing clothes, 12 students, month of May, 1877.....	8 25
Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co., clothing, 12 students, month of May, 1877	30 00
Robert Clarke & Co., books.....	90
Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, books for College.....	17 25
J. Lowman & Bro., shirts.....	4 50
Mendel, Berman & Co., hats.....	6 00
Lewis Wald & Co., furnishing goods	95
Solomon Eppinger, Preceptor, salary, month of May, 1877	58 33
J. King, Janitor, salary, month of May, 1877.....	7 00
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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, July 1, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M.

Bernhard Bettman, Esq. in the Chair, and the following members were present: Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg, Henry Adler, Jacob Ezekiel.

Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

B. Bettmann, Esq., President of the Board, stated that Fred. Stadler had failed to pass an examination at Hughes High School and the Hebrew Union College; that in accordance with

the rules of the College, he had been dropped from the roll of students.

The following bills, properly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board, etc., of 12 students, June, 1877.	\$301 20
To P. Halligan, tailor bill for	10 00
To G. P. Von Stein, tailor bill for	2 00
To J. M. Potter, shoes,	42 00
To Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, for traveling expenses from St. Louis to Cincinnati for examination of students.	18 50
To Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, for traveling expenses from Pittsburg to Cincinnati, etc.	15 00
To Lewis R. Dembitz, traveling expenses from Louisville to Cincinnati, etc.	8 00
To Louis Grossman, an indigent student, for traveling expenses to his home	14 50
To S. Eppinger, Preceptor, salary, June.	58 33
To J. King, Janitor, salary, June.	4 00
To Julius Freiberg, for choir.	25 00
To " " for carriage of piano.	5 00
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Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President of the Board, stated the annual examination of students took place on Wednesday, the 27th, and Thursday the 28th of June, at Mound Street Temple, in accordance with the programme; the Board of Examiners being present, and also members of Board of Governors and Executive Board; that the examination of the students was marked with signal success, receiving the approbation of the Board of Examiners and their Preceptors, Rev. Drs. Wise and Lilienthal and Preceptor Eppinger.

The President also stated that the closing exercises of Hebrew Union College at Eureka Hall, on Sunday, July 1, 1877, was largely attended by an appreciative audience. A prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, of Pittsburg, Pa., and the exercises were carried out according to the programme, to the entire satisfaction of all present. Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein closed the exercises with an appropriate address.

On motion of Henry Adler, Esq., it was ordered that the thanks of this Board be extended to the President and members

of Eureka Club, for the use of their hall on July 1, 1877, for the closing exercises of the Hebrew Union College.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was ordered that the thanks of this Board be extended to Drs. Rosenfeld and Aub, for gratuitous services rendered in their profession to the indigent students of Hebrew Union College during the past year.

On motion of President B. Bettmann, it was ordered that the thanks of this Board be tendered to Rev. Drs. Wise and Lilienthal for efficient and gratuitous services rendered the Hebrew Union College, by instructing the students in various studies as set forth in the curriculum for the respective grades taught in said college.

Adjourned *sine die*.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL,
PHILADELPHIA, July 12, 1877. }

The Board of Governors, on the adjournment of Council, met to organize. Present, Messrs. B. Bettmann, Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, Josiah Cohen, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Wm. Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal was called to the Chair, and Solomon Levi, Esq., acted as Secretary.

The following officers were elected by acclamation for the ensuing year:

Bernhard Bettmann, Cincinnati, O., President.

Josiah Cohen, Pittsburg, Pa., Vice-President.

Jacob Ezekiel, Cincinnati, O., Secretary.

The Secretary submitted the following list of the Board of Governors for 1877-8, viz.:

Bernhard Bettmann,	Cincinnati, O.,	Term expires 1878.
Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburg, Pa.,	" " 1879.
Jacob Ezekiel,	Cincinnati, O.,	" " 1879.
Henry Adler,	"	" " 1878.
Herman E. Sterne,	Peru, Ind.,	" " 1878.
Nathan Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.,	" " 1878.
Solomon Levi,	Cincinnati, O.,	" " 1878.
Julius Freiberg,	"	" " 1878.
A. J. Friedlander,	"	" " 1879.
Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal,	"	" " 1880.
Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein,	St. Louis, Mo.,	" " 1880.
Wm. Goodheart,	Cincinnati, O.,	" " 1880.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, August 5, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ p. m., quorum present.

Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, Julius Freiberg and A. J. Friedlander.

The following business was transacted:

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following committees for the current year:

On Course of Study and Text Books—Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Nathan Bloom and Henry Adler.

On Examination and Discipline—Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, B. Bettmann and Julius Freiberg.

On Buildings and Supplies—Messrs. A. J. Friedlander, Herman E. Sterne and Wm. Goodheart.

On Salaries, Claims and Accommodations—Messrs. Solomon Levi, Josiah Cohen and Jacob Ezekiel.

Course of Study for the Next Session—On motion, the Committee on Course of Study and Text Books, with the aid of the President of the College, were instructed to prepare a course of study for the different grades at the next session of the College, and report at the next regular meeting of the Board.

Reports of the Board of Examiners—On motion, the reports of the examiners of students at the last session, and the minority report of Lewis N. Dembitz, Esq., presented to the last Council, were referred to the Committee on Course of Study and Text Books, with instructions to examine the various recommendations contained in said reports, and report at the next regular meeting of this Board.

Boarding, Lodging, Etc., of Students—The Committee on Accommodations, etc., were authorized to contract with Mr. J. J. Maas for boarding, lodging, etc., the indigent students on the same terms and conditions as the previous year, and report at the next stated meeting of the Board.

Procuring Suitable Rooms for the College—The same com-

mittee were instructed to seek suitable rooms for the next session of the College, and when obtained to report at a special meeting of the Board, to be called by the President for that purpose.

Election of President, Professor and Preceptor—Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise was unanimously re-elected President of the College for the present year.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal was unanimously re-elected Preceptor of History and Prophets, having again kindly volunteered his services for the ensuing session of the College.

Mr. Solomon Eppinger was re-elected as Preceptor of the College at a salary of one thousand dollars per annum.

In the absence of the President of the College, the election of a Professor for a new grade was postponed until the next meeting of the Board.

Students from Jewish Orphan Asylums—The Secretary was instructed to inform the officers of the various orphan asylums in the United States of the resolution passed at the last Council awarding a free scholarship to the most meritorious boy in any of their respective institutions.

Dismissals from the College—On motion, it was

Resolved, That any student who shall fail to pass an examination at the end of the scholastic year in the Hebrew Union College, High-School or University, shall be dismissed from the College, unless reasons which may be deemed efficient by the Board of Governors shall be given for such failure. Repeated violations of the rules of discipline, as established by the Board of Governors for the government of the College, shall also be deemed a sufficient reason for the dismissal from the College.

The following bills, properly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

To Solomon Levi, Esq., for postage and programmes ...	\$ 6 00
To J. J. Maas, boarding, etc. for students, month of July, 1877	71 67
To Solomon Eppinger, salary as Preceptor, month of July, 1877	58 33
To J. King, Janitor, salary	4 00
To A. J. Friedlander, rent for piano, etc.	7 00
To Heidelberg, Freidlander & Co., clothing	33 75
To Mendel, Berman & Co., hats	2 50
To Robert Clarke & Co., books	1 30
To J. Lowman & Bro., furnishing goods	9 00

Adjourned.

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The following circular was published in various Jewish journals in the United States :

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

To the Officers of Jewish Orphan Asylums throughout the United States :

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College announce to the officers of the various Jewish orphan asylums that at the Fourth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in the city of Philadelphia on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July, 1877, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

"*Resolved*, That commencing with the ensuing session, and annually thereafter, a free scholarship in the Hebrew Union College, including tuition, boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., shall be awarded to the most meritorious boy in each of the Jewish orphan asylums in the United States, provided that such boy on leaving at the time fixed as the limit of his stay in said institution, in accordance with the regulations governing the same, shall possess the necessary qualifications for entering the said Hebrew Union College."

The necessary qualifications referred to in the foregoing resolution to enter the College for the first scholastic year (D Grade) are as follows :

First, None but actual students or graduates in any classical high-school, college, or university can be admitted.

Second, Admission to the Cincinnati high-school depends on the knowledge of English grammar, arithmetic, geography and American history.

Third, Candidates for the D Grade of the College will be examined in Hebrew grammar beyond the regular verb, translation from the Book of Genesis, and Jewish history to 586 B. C.

The Board of Governors will be pleased to receive an inmate from any Jewish orphan asylum that may be qualified to avail himself of the provisions contained in the aforesaid resolution, to partake of the advantages now offered ; and in addition to a thorough course of study in the Hebrew language, Jewish history and its literature, can receive all the various studies and branches of education as taught at the Cincinnati high-school and university, which embraces a thorough knowledge of the English, Latin, Greek, German and other languages, science, literature, etc.

The next session of the Hebrew College will commence on the first Monday in September, 1877.

For further information please address

B. BETTMANN, *President H. U. C.*
or, JACOB EZEKIEL, *Secretary H. U. C.*

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12, 1877.

Copy of letter sent to the Foster Home, Philadelphia, Orphan Asylums at Cleveland, Baltimore, New Orleans, New York and San Francisco :

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE,
CINCINNATI, August 12, 1877. }

*To the President and Officers of the Jewish Foster Home,
Philadelphia :*

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Governors take pleasure in announcing to you that, at the Fourth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held in the city of Philadelphia on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July, 1877, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That commencing with the ensuing session, and annually thereafter, a free scholarship in the Hebrew Union College, including tuition, boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., shall be awarded to the most meritorious boy in each of the Jewish orphan asylums in the United States; provided, the boy on leaving at the time fixed as the limit for his stay in accordance with the regulations governing such institution, shall possess the necessary qualifications for entering the said Hebrew Union College.

The necessary qualifications required in the foregoing resolution to enter the College for the first scholastic year in D Grade, are as follows:

First. None but actual students or graduates in any classical high-school or university can be admitted.

Second. Admission to the high-school at Cincinnati depends upon the knowledge of English grammar, arithmetic, geography and American history.

Third. Candidates for the D Grade of the Hebrew Union College will be examined in the Hebrew grammar beyond the regular verb; translations from the book of Genesis, and Jewish history to 586 B. C.

The Board of Governors will be pleased to receive an inmate from your institution qualified to avail himself of the provisions contained in the aforesaid resolution, and partake of the many advantages now offered, by receiving a complete collegiate education.

A student of the Hebrew Union College will receive a thorough course of education in the Hebrew, Chaldaic and Aramaic languages, Jewish history and its literature, and is expected to avail himself of education at the Cincinnati high-school and university, which embraces a complete study of the English, Latin, Greek, French, German and other languages, science and literature.

The Board of Governors will render the student every facility in their power to possess such knowledge as will make him an ornament to Judaism and a useful member of society.

Inclosed please find a copy of the Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and laws governing the College for reference.

The session will commence on the first Monday in September, 1877.

For any further information please address,

Very respectfully,

B. BETTMANN,

Pres. Board of Governors.

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Sec. Hebrew Union College.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, September 2, 1877. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 8 P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, President, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board present: Messrs. Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, William Goodheart, Julius Freiberg, Jacob Ezekiel and A. J. Friedlander.

Rev. Dr. Wise, President of the College, was also present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following applications were received for admission to the Hebrew Union College as students for the ensuing session:

Elijah Wise, of Abbeville, La., aged fourteen. Application referred to Committee on Examination and Discipline and the President of the College, and, if possessing the necessary qualifications, to be admitted.

Herman J. Hirshberg, of Zanesville, Ohio, aged sixteen. Application to be re-instated as a student was accepted on a probationary term, until the December examination of the Cincinnati High-School, and, should he receive the full average percentage, then to remain a student of the College.

Moritz Berkowitz, of Pittsburg, Pa., aged fifteen, for admission as an indigent student. Application accepted, if possessing the necessary qualifications.

Marcus M. Henry (son of Rev. Dr. Henry), of San Francisco, Cal., aged twenty-one. Application referred to Committee on

Examination and Discipline and the President of the College, and, if possessing the necessary qualifications, to be admitted.

Herman Messing (son of Rev. Dr. Messing), of San Francisco, Cal., aged fifteen, for admission as an indigent student for the first year. Application accepted, if possessing the necessary qualifications.

William Lowenberg (son of Rev. Ferdinand Lowenberg), of Harrisburg, Pa., aged twenty-three, for admission as an indigent student. Not possessing the necessary qualifications, application refused for the present.

Morris L. Bettmann (son of Bernhard Bettmann, Esq.), of Cincinnati, Ohio, aged fourteen. Possessing the necessary qualifications, application accepted.

Maurice J. Freiberg (son of Julius Freiberg, Esq.), of Cincinnati, O., aged sixteen. Possessing the necessary qualifications, application accepted.

The Committee on Accommodations, etc., who were instructed to make arrangements with Mr. J. J. Maas for boarding, lodging, etc., of students, reported progress.

The same Committee, with the President of the Board of Governors, were requested to divide the students into two classes, according to age, and make suitable arrangements with Mr. J. J. Maas for their special accommodations.

The Committee on Accommodations, etc., who were authorized to procure suitable rooms for the use of the College, presented the following letter as the substance of their report :

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, K. K. B'NAI YESHURUN,
CINCINNATI, September 2, 1877. }

Mr. Solomon Levi, Chairman, etc.:

DEAR SIR:—I am instructed by the Board of Trustees to inform you that your petition to grant the vestry-rooms for the use of the Hebrew Union College has been granted for an indefinite time.

We expect to hold the Board of Governors responsible for all expenses or damages.

By order of the Board of Trustees,

FREDERICK RAUH, Secretary.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, the report of the Committee was received, and the use of the vestry-rooms of the Temple

B'nai Yeshurun was accepted for the purposes of the Hebrew Union College.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, the Committee on Building and Supplies was authorized to procure the necessary furniture for the use of the College.

On motion of Solomon Levi, the President of the College was requested to have the books, etc., belonging to the College removed to the vestry-rooms of the B'nai Yeshurun Temple.

Mr. A. J. Friedlander moved that B Grade of the Preparatory Class of the College be opened at the ensuing session.

Mr. Julius Freiberg returned four dollars, being a surplus remaining from the appropriations attending the last closing exercises of the College.

The following bills, properly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid:

J. J. Maas, for board, etc., for students.....	\$ 53 33
Solomon Levi, for insurance	3 00
Solomon Eppinger, salary as preceptor	58 33
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On motion of Solomon Levi, it was

Resolved, That this Board will meet on Monday, 3d inst., at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of opening the third session of the Hebrew Union College.

Adjourned.

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

The third annual session of the Hebrew Union College in its Preparatory Department was opened Monday, September 3d, in Grades B, C and D, in presence of the President and several members of the Board of Governors. The Faculty consists of:

ISAAC M. WISE, President and Preceptor of Talmud in Grade B.

REV. DR. LILIENTHAL, Preceptor of History and Prophets in Grade B.

SOLOMON EPPINGER, Preceptor of Talmud, etc., in Grades C and D.

EMANUEL LOEWENTHAL, Preceptor of Hebrew in all grades.

STUDENTS REGISTERED.

Grade B.

Israel Aaron, Henry Berkowitz, Nathan Cohn, Joseph Krauskopf, Louis D. Marks, David Philipson, Joseph Rothschild, Isaac Rubinstein, Alexander F. Ullman.

Grade C.

Louis Grossman, Moses A. Hahn, Herman Hirschberg, Morris Luxemburg, Joseph Silverman, Moritz Sachs.

Grade D.

Morris L. Bettmann, Maurice J. Freiberg, Marcus M. Henry Herman Messing, Charles Silverman, Nathan Wolfstein, Adolph Bonnheim, Elijah Wise, Maurice Berkowitz, Wm. Loewenburg.

Several candidates have been rejected on account of deficiency in the general studies required.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, September 30, 1877. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ p. m., Bernhard Bettmann, President, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board were present, viz.: A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg, Henry Adler, William Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel.

Minutes of preceding meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Text-books and Course of Study, together with the President of the College, who were instructed at a meeting of this Board, held August 5, 1877, to prepare a course of study for the College for 1877-8, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

CINCINNATI, September 27, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Course of Study beg leave to report that, in connection with the President of the College, they have considered the report of the Examiners, presented at the annual meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

From the monthly report of the President, Rev. Dr. Wise, you will see that the valuable suggestions made by the Examiners have been made use of in the course of study planned for the

ensuing school-year, and that the study of Hebrew grammar and exercises in Hebrew compositions will henceforth receive the proper attention. Success, as heretofore, will be warranted in all the different branches taught in the College. The longer the students attend the College, the more rapid will be the progress they will make in every department. As most of them came totally unprepared for the various studies, great obstacles had in the beginning to be overcome; the zeal of the energetic President and his associate teachers has brought harmony out of chaos, and we may look for excellent results, as some of the pupils are very bright students.

The Committee also beg leave to report that Dr. Lilienthal has arranged it with Mr. Disney, the clerk of the Cincinnati University, and Professor Eddy, the Dean of that institution, that our pupils be regarded as residents of this city, and be admitted into the University without paying the annual fee of \$60, required from non-residents.

Mr. Coy, the Principal of Hughes High School, continues to lend every possible assistance to our students, speaks in high terms of most of them, especially of David Philipson, of Columbus, O., whom he considers the prospective gold-medal boy, and is always ready to give all desired information regarding our students. It is advisable that the members of your honorable body sometimes call on him, as this interest taken in the behavior and progress of our students will stimulate them to make still greater and better efforts.

The Committee have ordered a number of Bibles from Bloch & Co. for the College. Without the requisite number of books the regular instruction will be retarded. We recommend payment of the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

DR. LILIENTHAL, Chairman,
HENRY ADLER,

Committee on Course of Study, etc.
ISAAC M. WISE, President H. U. C.

Committee.

The Committee on Accommodations, etc., reported that they had made all necessary arrangements with Mr. J. J. Maas, relative to boarding and accommodating the indigent students for the present session of the College, at the rate of \$25.00 each per month.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was ordered that the resolution of this Board passed June 3, 1877, relative to the admission of Moritz Sachs, as an indigent student of this College,

be rescinded, he not having passed an examination to become a pupil of the high-school, though to remain a hospitate of this Board for one month.

The following communication from the Y. M. H. A. of this city was received and read :

CINCINNATI, Sept. 19, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

GENTLEMEN :—The Young Men's Hebrew Association herewith extend the use of their Rooms and Library for the ensuing year to the members of your Institute. We hope they will avail themselves of this opportunity.

Respectfully,

H. A. SEINSHEIMER,
Sec'y Y. M. H. A.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart the tender of the rooms and library of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, was accepted, and the thanks of this Board are hereby extended for the privilege granted.

The President of the Board of Governors stated that the annual session of the Hebrew Union College, D, C and B preparatory Grades was opened on Monday, Sept. 3, 1877, in the presence of the Board, under the most favorable auspices; that several new students were admitted, and the report of the President of the College, now submitted, will furnish details.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, it was ordered that the Committee on Course of Study and Text-books, in conformity with the action of the late Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, be requested to submit a plan for the study of the German language by the students of the College, and report the same to this Board at a subsequent meeting.

The following communication was received from Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal :

CINCINNATI, Sept. 28, 1877.

To the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College :

GENTLEMEN :—I beg to be excused for not attending the next monthly meeting of our Board, as private affairs have called me to New York.

I inclose report of Committee on Course of Study and Text-books, which please lay before our Board. At the same time permit me to offer the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That Joseph and Charles Silverman, students at our College and residents of Cincinnati, receive monthly a stipend of \$10.00 each. The boys are excellent in deportment and study, sons of a hard-working father, and deserve no less sympathy than indigent students from abroad. With high consideration,

Yours truly, etc.,

"DR. LILIENTHAL."

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, the resolution offered by Dr. Lilienthal, to allow Joseph and Charles Silverman a monthly stipend of \$10 each, was concurred in.

The following report of the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, was received and read:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, Sept. 30, 1877. }

To the Board of Governors Hebrew Union College:

I have the honor of reporting to your honorable body the progress of the Hebrew Union College during the first month of its third year's existence, in the Preparatory Department.

On Monday, Sept. 3, 1877, the third session was duly opened in the presence of the officers and preceptors. Twenty-six students registered, one of whom was not accepted. The students were registered in the following grades:

GRADE B.

1. Israel Aaron, Pennsylvania.
2. Henry Berkowitz, Pennsylvania.
3. Nathan Cohen, Tennessee.
4. Joseph Krauskopf, Massachusetts.
5. David Philipson, Ohio.
6. *Joseph Rothchild, Maryland.
7. Isaac Rubenstein, Russia.
8. Alex. F. Ullman, Missouri.
9. *Louis D. Marks, Cincinnati.
10. *M. Luxemberg, Russia.

* On probation in this grade.

GRADE C.

1. Ludwig Grossman, New York.
2. M. S. Hahn, Pennsylvania.
3. H. J. Hirschberg, Ohio.
4. Moritz Sachs, Illinois.
5. Joseph Silverman, Cincinnati.
6. *Wm. Lowenberg, Pennsylvania.

* On probation in this grade.

GRADE D.

1. Morris L. Bettmann, Cincinnati.
2. Maurice J. Freiberg, Cincinnati.
3. Marcus M. Henry, California.
4. Henry Messing, California.
5. A. Bonnheim, Ohio.
6. Moritz Berkowitz, Pennsylvania.
7. Charles Silverman, Cincinnati.
8. Elijah Wise, Louisiana.
9. Nathan Wolfstein, Cincinnati.

Three have not been accepted by the Board, whom I now recommend as students in their respective grades, viz.: Wm. Lowenberg, Marcus M. Henry and A. Bonnheim.

Several students, in consequence of the resolutions of the High-School Board, have been refused admission to the high-schools, and I was obliged to send them to Mr. Chickering's Classical Institute, viz.: Elijah Wise, of Louisiana; Wm. Lowenberg, Pennsylvania; Marcus M. Henry, California, and Moritz Sachs, Illinois.

Of the other students Israel Aaron and Nathan Cohen attend the University. All the others attend the high-schools, except A. Bonnheim, whom I was obliged to place in A Grade, Intermediate, in consequence of a resolution passed by the School Board, although he is a graduate of a grammar school in Columbus, Ga.

The course I have pursued as above is the best I could do this year without grave injury to the College.

The preceptors and students were always at their posts, doing their duty. All studies have been studied, viz.: Talmud, Mishnah, Mechilta, Torah, Prophets, Hebrew and Aramaic grammar and Jewish history. I can not give you a more detailed report of the subjects taught as we could not have any monthly examination yet, which will be done every month hereafter.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board, etc., indigent students, month of September, 1877	\$342 66
Heidelberg, Friedlander and Co., clothing	6 75
J. Lowman & Bro.	5 18
Wilstach, Baldwin & Co., books	10 40
Mendel, Berman & Co., hats	4 50

Robt. Clarke & Co., books	\$ 37 77
Bloch & Co., stationery	52 00
Isaac M. Wise, books	8 75
Solomon Eppinger, preceptor, salary, month of September, 1877.	83 33
Bernhard Bettmann, for Hebrew teacher	40 00
Henry M. Davis, table for College	7 00
J. King, janitor, salary, month of September, 1877.....	4 00
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The President of the College stated that he had procured an assistant Hebrew teacher for the College at the rate of \$40 for the month of September and \$60 per month for the future, which met with the concurrence of the Board.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, Nov. 4, 1877. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ o'clock, P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Messrs. Solomon Levi, Wm. Goodheart, Henry Adler, Julius Freiberg, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Jacob Ezekiel, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The President of the Hebrew Union College submitted his monthly report, which was read, as follows :

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, Nov. 1, 1877. }

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

I have the honor to report progress from the Faculty and students of the Hebrew Union College. Your labor is crowned with success, the work prospers before God, to the honor of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and I hope to your satisfaction.

The three grades, B, C and D, as organized at the beginning

of this scholastic year, have been conducted according to the original plan. The best discipline prevailed.

Hebrew and the Bible have been taught in all the grades by the temporary appointment of the Rev. Mr. Harris, formerly of Savannah, Ga., who is fully competent to fill this important position in our College and whom I have the honor of recommending to you as a preceptor.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal having been absent from the city this month up to the 25th, therefore I can make no report on *History* and *Prophets*.

The students were meanwhile engaged in other studies to fill the vacant hours.

Grade B—Reviews Hebrew grammar, Pentateuch and the Former Prophets under Rev. Mr. Harris; reviews Aramaic grammar, and has taken, in Talmud, the second Perek in Berachoth complete and the two next following pages; the same in Mishnah, Yoma complete, under my personal attention.

Grade C—Studies with Rev. Mr. Harris that which Grade B reviews, and has two extra hours weekly for that purpose under Preceptor Eppinger. This grade has taken, in *Talmud*, the five pages from the beginning, and, in *Mishnah*, *Rosh-Hashonah* and *Taanith*, and the noun in Aramaic grammar.

Grade D—Studies with Rev. Mr. Harris Genesis, Joshua and Hebrew grammar; with Preceptor Eppinger Pirkai, Aboth and Mechilta. The class is now fairly started, but I can not yet report on the same.

Standing in the class is as follows:

Grade B—All but Rothchild, Marks and Luxemburg stand No. 1, and these No. 2.

Grade C—Grossman, Sachs and Joseph Silverman stand No. 1, Hahn, Hirschberg and Lowenberg, No. 2.

Grade D—I can not yet report.

The preceptors and students were punctual in attendance, and the hours for study were applied as arranged at the commencement of the scholastic year.

In regard to the various branches taught at the College, Rev. Dr. Lilienthal and Rev. Mr. Harris are responsible for the Hebrew and history; Preceptor Eppinger and myself are responsible for the rabbinical literature and Aramaic grammar.

In relation to those students who are now at Chickering's Institute, instead of the high-school, viz.: Moritz Sachs, Marcus M. Henry, Elijah Wise and Wm. Lowenberg, permit me to say that they are engaged precisely in the same studies as are the D Grade scholars of the high-school, viz.: Latin, algebra, history, physiology and English literature, and to add that their progress is very satisfactory, especially that of the boy Sachs,

as the inclosed report of Principal Chickering shows. These students could do no better at the high-school; on the contrary, they will do more work at Chickering's, because the classes are not so large as in the high-school and the training is superior.

Now permit me to say that the organic law of this College was not made with the intention that our students must frequent the Cincinnati High-School or McMicken University; they might just as well attend any other college or be graduates of any. The law in question was made to facilitate and necessitate our students to acquire an academical education with the Hebrew instruction in order not to educate one-sided Hebraists as rabbis. At Chickering's the same work precisely is done as at the high-school, viz.: the preparation for the academical and classical course of the University. Hence it naturally follows that students of Chickering's fulfill the letter and spirit of our organic law exactly as those placed at the high-school. This Board is not under the necessity of any discrimination between this or that classical institute.

Again, if we are annually tied down to the will of the managers of the high-school, whether or not we should accept certain students in our D Grade, and, the Board of High-School being changed and changing its rules annually, we not only lose our freedom of action under our law, but will frequently not be able to form a D Grade. In the case before us, for instance, Lowenberg and Sachs are in our C Grade. While the former is a younger man of considerable attainments in all the branches of science, except English grammar, the latter is one of the best scholars in his class at Chickering's. Why should we stop them in their course? Is it because the principal of the high-school under new instructions by a new Board has decided so? We have no law to that effect and are under no obligations to do so.

Mr. Chickering has agreed to give the four students tuition at half the usual price, viz.: \$225. We owe all our students free tuition according to our laws, and are not permitted by any law from drawing \$225 out of the tuition fund in this emergency. It is certainly preferable to pay \$225 and preserve our freedom of action than to be ruled by another corporation.

Those who made our organic laws must certainly be aware that it was not intended to place our Board under the supervision of another Board, over which the Union has no control.

In order, however, that this question might never occur again, I will propose in my annual report that a high-school D Grade be organized in connection with our College, which will cost us little or nothing.

Therefore, I would suggest respectfully that the Board recon-

sider the resolution passed at the last meeting; regarding Moritz Sachs and the other students registered at Chickering's, and suggest that Marcus M. Henry, Wm. Lowenberg, Moritz Sachs and Elijah Wise be accepted as regular students at the Hebrew Union College, and that their tuition fees of \$225 of the current year be paid from the tuition fund, and that Moritz Sachs be retained in his present position as an indigent student under the care of this Board. The classes will be ready by the 1st of January, 1878, for a public examination, if the Board order it so.

Permit me also to call your attention to the bill rendered by the janitor, who has removed the College furniture and books, and has attended to his duties for two months.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The report from Chickering's Institute, referred to in the above report of the President of the Hebrew Union College, is as follows:

Report of	Latin	Algebra	Physiology	History	German
Moritz Sachs.....	100	100	100	100	
Wm. Lowenberg	98	90	100	90	
Marcus M. Henry ...	98	97	100	100	90
		Arithmetic		Grammar	
Elijah Wise... ..		100	100	100	98

In declamation, composition and spelling all these youths have a standing of from 95 to 100 per cent.

Very truly,

J. B. CHICKERING.

The standing of all is exceedingly satisfactory.

J. B. C.

The suggestions of the President of the College in his report for the payment of \$225 for tuition of the students of the Hebrew Union College at Chickering's Institute and rescinding the resolutions passed at last meeting relative to Moritz Sachs, elicited considerable debate, when, on motion of Wm. Goodheart, the suggestions were referred to a committee of three, to report at a meeting of the Board to be held on the 11th inst.; whereupon the following committee were appointed by the Chair: Rev. Drs. Max Lilienthal and S. H. Sonneschein, and Julius Freiberg, Esq.

The President of the College was requested to solicit applications for the position of a Hebrew teacher for the College, and

in the interim to retain the services of the Rev. Abraham Harris.

The amount of \$75 was ordered to be paid to Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., for a temporary Hebrew teacher heretofore obtained.

The following bills were duly audited, presented and ordered to be paid :

To J. J. Maas, board, etc., of students, month of October, 1877	\$350 75
To P. Halligan, tailoring for students, month of October, 1877	7 35
To J. M. Potter, shoes for students, month of October, 1877	52 40
To Bloch & Co., books for students, month of October, 1877	6 35
To Wm. Krinkle, janitor, for moving, etc.	4 60
Solomon Eppinger, salary as preceptor, month of October, 1877	83 33
Bernhard Bettmann, for Hebrew teacher, month of October, 1877	75 00
M. H. Silverman, board of students for October, 1877	20 00
Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co., clothing	32 65
Robert Clarke & Co., books	9 49
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The following communication was received from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Orphan Asylum, Cleveland, Ohio :

OFFICE OF TRUSTEES,
DISTRICTS NOS. 2, 6 AND 7, I. O. B. B., ORPHAN ASYLUM, }
AT CLEVELAND, OHIO,
LOUISVILLE, October 20, 1877. }

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O. :

DEAR SIR:—I have the pleasure to acknowledge your esteemed communication of August 12, 1877, offering a free scholarship to a competent scholar of our Asylum in your College. Your kind communication was laid before the Board at their meeting, held October 8, 1877, and I was instructed to notify you that your liberal offer is thankfully accepted.

The Board will avail itself of your kind and liberal offer as soon as a suitable opportunity offers itself.

Very respectfully, yours truly,

[SEAL.]

WM. KRIEGSHABER, Secretary.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, November 11, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in special session this evening at 7 o'clock, Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board present: Messrs. Solomon Levi, Julius Freiberg, Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, Jacob Ezekiel, Wm. Goodheart.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting, to whom was referred the suggestions made by the President of the College in his last report, submitted the following, viz.:

To the Board of Governors of Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—Your special Committee, appointed at the last regular meeting for the purpose of considering some propositions contained in the last monthly report of Rev. Dr. Wise, President of the College, beg leave to submit the following report:

Rev. Dr. Wise recommends in his report that Moritz Sachs be admitted among the number of indigent students, though not admitted into the high-school of our city, and that for him and three other young men (Wm. Lowenberg, Marcus M. Henry and Elijah Wise), who now visit Chickering's Institute, the regular fee of \$225 be paid to this institute out of the funds collected by the Educational Aid Societies of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for the support of indigent students.

Your Committee regret that, having carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws of our Union, they must report adversely to the propositions of Rev. Dr. Wise.

Such a precedent would involve the establishment of a new department in our institution, "a preparatory school to the preparatory classes of our College." But our organic law does not warrant any organization of this kind, it does not provide for hospitalants. It requires that the students, to be admitted, must at least possess the qualifications to be admitted into our high schools. The law never intended, as it now reads, to admit boys unprepared and unfitted into our institution.

Section 11 of the laws for the government of Hebrew Union College states expressly that only students or graduates of our high-schools or colleges shall receive instruction in the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College. This language indicates clearly that only public institutions and chartered colleges are entitled to send their pupils into our College; but private institutions like Chickering's have never been dreamt of as enjoying the same privilege.

Again, the funds which are at the disposal of the Board of Governors for the support of indigent students, according to the appeal soliciting the organization of Educational Aid Societies, are to be expended only and exclusively for the purpose of providing indigent students "*with the necessities of life*," and according to this clear and explicit expression, can not be used for paying fees for instruction outside of the College.

Your Board was always governed by the idea that our students, both Jews and Gentiles, were to receive gratuitous instruction both in our College and the public educational institutions. The proposition to pay fees for preparing boys for our own Preparatory Department in the College was never entertained by any member of the Board.

The laws and by-laws laid down by our Union for the action of the Board of Governors must be strictly and conscientiously adhered to by its members, and dare not be explained to suit circumstances and emergencies.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
DR. SONNESCHEIN,
JULIUS FREIBERG.

CINCINNATI, November 8, 1877.

The report was received and adopted as the sense of the Board.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, December 9, 1877. }

The Board of Governors met in general session at 7½ P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair. Present: Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg, Henry Adler, Wm. Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The monthly report of Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, President of the College, was read as follows:

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE,
CINCINNATI, December 8, 1877. }

To the Honorable Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

MR. PRESIDENT:—I have the honor of reporting to your honorable body that the progress of the College classes is in strict accordance with the Curriculum. The attendance of both the Preceptors and Students was punctual, except that I had to be absent three days during the past month, and that two of the

students, viz.: Luxemburg and Hirschfeld, have left informally.

In their respective studies the classes have advanced as follows:

1. *Grade B. a Bible*, under Dr. Lilienthal: The Twelve Minor Prophets, concluded; under Rev. A. Harris: Twenty chapters of I. Samuel and 21 chapters of Leviticus, reviewing Hebrew Grammar; and in History, under Dr. Lilienthal: To the advent of Vespasian, 67 A. C. In Talmud and Mishnah, under myself: Talmud Berachoth to the middle of the FOURTH PEREK and beginning of the NINTH PEREK; besides Mishnah *Yoma* and *Baba Kamma*, complete.

2. *Grade C. Bible*, under Rev. A. Harris: The same as Grade B, also review of Hebrew grammar; in Talmud and Mishnah, under Mr. Eppinger: Berachoth, twelve pages, and in Mishnah *Rosh Hashonah* and *Taanith* and Aramaic grammar to the verb. In History in connection with Grade D, under Dr. Lilienthal: Review of Bible History.

3. *Grade D. Bible*, under Rev. A. Harris: Genesis twenty chapters and Joshua eighteen chapters; Hebrew grammar, the regular verb complete, and History with Grade C, under Mr. Eppinger: Five *Perakim* of *Aboth* and two sections of *Mechilta*.

The classes will be ready for any public examination any time in January, whenever so ordered by the Board.

Rev. A. Harris proves to be a competent and conscientious teacher, so that I can well recommend him to the Board.

The conduct of the students always was proper, and, except one who does not come up to the discipline, there is no cause for complaint. I do not wish to publish the name of that refractory one, because he is not actually wicked, but would only call the attention of the Board to the fact that he is in Grade D.

We ought to have in the College as standards, one Dr. Fuerst's Hebrew Lexicon and one Dr. Levy's Rabbinical Lexicon, which I respectfully recommend to be purchased.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The President of the Board stated that at the Fourth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held at Philadelphia on the 11th, 12th and 13th of July, 1877, the Board of Governors were empowered to offer a premium of \$50 to be awarded for the best hymn-book for Sabbath-school purposes, the copy-right to remain the property of the author, and the Board to appoint a select committee of competent judges to make the said award for the best hymn-book so offered.

The President appointed the following committee: Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Rev. L. Naumberg, Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Rev. James K. Gutheim and Rev. Geo. Jacobs.

The Secretary was requested to inform the gentlemen of their appointment, and request their acceptance.

The President of the Board stated that Herman Hirschberg, of Zanesville, O., an indigent student of the Hebrew Union College, has withdrawn from the institution with his permission.

The Board of Governors acquiesced with the action of the President.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board, etc., of students, month of November, 1877.....	\$324 75
To Rev. A. Harris, Hebrew teacher, month of November, 1877.....	60 00
To Wm. Krinkle, Janitor, salary, month of November, 1877.....	7 00
To Solomon Eppinger, Preceptor, salary, month of November, 1877.....	83 33
To M. H. Silverman, boarding, etc., students, month of November, 1877.....	20 00
To Heidelberg, Friedlander, & Co., clothing.....	36 25
To Mendel, Berman & Co., hats.....	1 50
To Buchmann Bros. & Co., furnishing goods.....	2 75
To J. Lowman & Bros., furnishing goods.....	15 15
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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, January 6, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ p. m., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair. Present, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg, Wm. Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Adler, Jacob Ezekiel and Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President of the College submitted his monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

CINCINNATI, January 2, 1878.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors,
Hebrew Union College:*

MR. PRESIDENT:—I have the honor to report progress from the Hebrew Union College. The preceptors were punctual at their posts and the students in unexceptional attendance. The conduct of the classes has been satisfactory to all teachers, and the best discipline prevailed.

Two students having withdrawn, Luxemburg and Hirschberg, there remain twenty-three. George W. Harris, son of Isaac Harris, city, a B Grade scholar of the High-school, has applied for admission in our D Grade; he is duly qualified.

Rev. Mr. Harris proves to be a competent and conscientious teacher of the Hebrew, so that I can well recommend him to the Board to continue his services.

Permit me to call attention to the fact that there ought to be in the College standard dictionaries for the Hebrew and Aramaic. I propose as such Fuerst's Hebrew and Levy's Aramaic, which I suggest be purchased.

The classes are ready for public examination in this month, to be examined thus:

GRADE B.

BIBLE: Leviticus, 1 Samuel and Twelve Minor Prophets.

HISTORY to 68 A. C.

MISHNAH, *Yoma* and *Baba Kamma*.

TALMUD, *Berachoth* four Perakim and beginning of the ninth.

GRADE C.

BIBLE, with Grade B, only instead of Minor Prophets, Joshua and Judges to vi.

HISTORY, Biblical.

MISHNAH, *Rosh Hashonah* and *Taanith*, also two Perakim of each *Yoma* and *Succa*.

TALMUD, *Berachoth* up to folio 8.

GRADE D.

BIBLE, Genesis to xv. and Joshua to viii.

HEBREW GRAMMAR, regular verbs and nouns.

MISHNAH, Aboth complete.

MECHILTA, Pesichta and the beginning of Beshalach.

Aramaic Grammar in B and C.

The Board may appoint such days for examination as deemed proper, as the classes are ready. With due respect,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The President of the College was requested to purchase the Hebrew and Aramaic dictionaries, as suggested in his report, for the use of the College.

An application was received from George W. Harris, son of Isaac Harris, of Cincinnati, a scholar of Hughes High School, B Grade, to become a student of the Hebrew Union College; being duly qualified, was admitted in D Grade.

An application was received from Moritz Sachs, a scholar of Hughes High School, D Grade, to be admitted as an indigent student of the Hebrew Union College; being duly qualified, was admitted in C Grade.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was ordered that the semi-annual examination of the students of the College will take place on Saturday, the 12th, and Sunday, the 13th inst., at the Plum Street Temple, commencing at two o'clock.

The President of the College was requested to have the *Kaddish* and customary prayers recited by the students on the *Jahrzeit* of every deceased donor, in accordance with the laws governing the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Union Hebrew College.

The following gentlemen were appointed at a meeting of this Board, held on December 9, 1877, as a committee to decide upon the merits of a hymn-book for Sabbath-school purposes, viz.:

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Rev. George Jacobs, Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsh, Rev. Dr. James K. Gutheim and Rev. Dr. L. Naumberg.

The Secretary having received letters of acceptance from the gentlemen composing the committee, the same were read and ordered to be recorded:

957 NORTH EIGHTH STREET, }
PHILADELPHIA, December 14, 1877. }

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati:

DEAR SIR:—Your favor of the 11th inst., informing me of my selection as one of a committee “to decide on the merits of a hymn-book for Sabbath-schools,” for which a prize was offered by the late Council, has been duly received.

Anxious to do all in my power to advance the interests of religious education, I cheerfully accept the position assigned to

me by the Board of Governors, and will feel obliged for such information as you can give me, in order that I may be able to perform the duties of the position satisfactorily to all. With best wishes, I remain, dear sir,

Yours truly,
GEORGE JACOBS.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., January 1, 1878.

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary Hebrew Union College:

DEAR SIR:—I cheerfully accept the appointment on the Committee on Hymn-Book, referred to in your kind favors of the 11th and 27th ult., and await the advice of the Chairman. I remain,

Yours truly,
JAMES K. GUTHEIM.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., January 4, 1878.

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Cincinnati:

DEAR SIR:—Allow me to express my thanks to the Board of Governors, who appointed me as one of a committee of five to decide on the merits of the presented hymn-books for Jewish Sabbath-schools. I accept, with pleasure, the honor conferred upon me, and will faithfully decide according to my investigation.

Respectfully yours,
L. NAUMBERG,
99 Buena Vista Street.

On motion of William Goodheart, the Committee on Hymn-Book were requested to submit to this Board, as early as may be practicable, suggestions as to the size, style, etc., most desirable for the hymn-book to be competed for, in order that it may be brought into general use.

Sundry bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, amounting to four hundred and ninety-five dollars and seventy-one cents, for board of indigent students, teachers' salaries, etc., viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board, lodging, etc., for students, month of December, 1877.....	\$305 00
To P. Halligan, for tailoring, etc., for students.....	4 35
To Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co., clothing for students.....	13 25
To Robert Clarke & Co., books.....	1 28
To Mendel, Berman & Co.....	1 50

To Rev. A. Harris, Hebrew teacher, month of December, 1877.....	\$ 60 00
To Mr. Solomon Eppinger, Preceptor, month of December, 1877.....	83 33
To M. H. Silverman, for board, etc., month of December, 1877.....	20 00
To Wm. Krinkle, Janitor, salary, month of December, 1877.....	7 00
Adjourned.	<hr/> \$495 71

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, February 3, 1878. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at 7½ P. M., in the vestry rooms, Plum Street Temple, Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Solomon Levi, William Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Adler and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

Reading of the minutes deferred until next meeting.

The President of the College submitted the following monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

CINCINNATI, February 1, 1878.

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors, Hebrew Union Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—An examination of the classes in the Hebrew Union College, as ordered by you, took place on Saturday and Sunday, the 12th and 13th ult., and was conducted according to programme, giving a half hour for each subject to each class. The result of the examination is not a subject for my report, but properly belongs to your Committee on Examination.

After the examination, all subjects taught heretofore were continued in regular routine, and Rashi to the Torah was added, taught by Rev. Abraham Harris in B and C Grades with promising success. In B Grade, Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has commenced to read Isaiah. In D Grade, Preceptor Solomon Eppinger has commenced to read the Mishnah Sanhedrin. All other studies are regularly continued.

Discipline and attendance were good. I can only report progress.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,
President Hebrew Union College.

The Secretary stated that the examination of the students took place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the 12th and 13th ult., according to the programme of arrangements, at the Plum Street Temple (Dr. Wise's), in presence of the Faculty, the Board of Governors of the College, the officers of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and a large assemblage of friends favorable to the advancement of Hebrew culture.

The examination was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College; Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Rev. Abraham Harris and Prof. Solomon Eppinger.

There were twenty-four students present from various States, viz.:

B GRADE.

Israel Aaron, Lancaster, Pa., aged 18 years; Henry Berkowitz, Pittsburg, Pa., aged 21 years; Nathan Cohen, Nashville, Tenn., aged 18 years; Joseph Krauskopf, Fall River, Mass., aged 19 years; David Philipson, Columbus, O., aged 15 years; Joseph Rothchild, Baltimore, Md., aged 17 years; Isaac Rubenstein, Russia, aged 22 years; Alex. F. Ullman, St. Louis, Mo., aged 17 years; Louis D. Marks, Cincinnati, O., aged 14 years.

C GRADE.

Ludwig Grossman, New York City, aged 15 years; Moses A. Hahn, Philadelphia, Pa., aged 15 years; William Lowenberg, Harrisburg, Pa., aged 23 years; Moritz Sachs, Russia, aged 15 years; Joseph Silverman, Cincinnati, O., aged 17 years.

D GRADE.

Morris L. Bettmann, Cincinnati, O., aged 14 years; Maurice J. Freiberg, Cincinnati, O., aged 16 years; Marcus M. Henry, San Francisco, Cal., aged 15 years; Herman Messing, San Francisco, Cal., aged 15 years; Adolph Bonheim, Germany, aged 14 years; George W. Harris, Cincinnati, O., aged 15 years; Elijah Wise, Abbeville, La., aged 14 years; Charles Silverman, Cincinnati, O., aged 15 years; Nathan Wolfstein, Cincinnati, O., aged 13 years; Maurice Berkowitz, Pittsburg, Pa., aged 14 years.

The students were all prepared for a most critical examination in the Bible translations of Genesis, Leviticus, I. Samuel, Joshua, Judges and Minor Prophets. Biblical History to 68 A.

c., Mishnah, Talmud, Hebrew and Aramaic Grammar; suffice to say, the students acquitted themselves highly creditably to themselves and their preceptors. The examination of the Band C Grades elicited much applause, their exercises were perfectly satisfactory; to discriminate, would, in a great measure, tend to detract from the merits of others equally ambitious. We, however, can not forbear to note that the students between the ages of thirteen and fifteen years (with others) are pupils of the high-schools, and only dedicating two hours each day to the study of the College Curriculum. *They*, however, can master the Hebrew, Chaldaic and Aramaic languages, and read them grammatically without the vowel points, transpose promiscuous sentences into the English and *vice versa* with unequaled rapidity and accuracy.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, boarding and lodging 13 students, month of January, 1878.....	\$325 00
To J. J. Maas, extra gas and fire \$5; hair cutting, etc., \$1.75, month of January, 1878.....	6 75
To J. M. Potter for shoes and mending, etc., month of January, 1878.....	29 25
To P. Halligan, repairing clothing, month of January, 1878.....	6 25
To Heidelbach, Friedlander & Co., clothing, month of January, 1878.....	10 50
To Jacob Lehman, carpentering.....	1 65
To Bloch & Co. for six copies Mechiltah.....	6 00
To Robert Clarke & Co., books, etc.....	1 22
To Wm. Krinkle, janitor, month of January, 1878.....	7 00
To Rev. Abraham Harris, Hebrew teacher, month of January, 1878.....	60 00
To Solomon Eppinger, preceptor, month of January, 1878.....	83 33
To M. H. Silverman, boarding, etc., month of January, 1878.....	20 00
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On motion, it was ordered that a special meeting of this Board be held on Monday, the 10th inst., at 7½ P. M.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, February 10, 1878. }

The Board of Governors met in special session at 7½ P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., the Chair. The following members of the Board were present Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, Henry Adler, Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, William Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel. Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, also present.

Minutes of the preceding meetings were read and approved.

A communication from Rev. Abraham Harris, requesting an advance of salary as Hebrew teacher in the College, was read, when, on motion, it was resolved that the salary of Rev. Abraham Harris, Hebrew teacher in the College, be and is hereby increased to seventy-five dollars (\$75) per month from the 1st of February until the 1st of September, 1878.

A communication was received from Marcus M. Henry, desiring to be provided for as an indigent student of the College, which, on motion, was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and William Goodheart, to report at a subsequent meeting.

A communication was received from Ephraim M. Epstein, M. D., donating a copy of the "Introduction to the Jerusalem Talmud," by Dr. Z. Frankel, to the Hebrew Union College, which was accepted, and the Secretary was requested to tender the thanks of this Board to Dr. Epstein for his valuable donation.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein stated that, in consideration of a large number of the best modern works of Jewish literature being written in the German language, which, when rendered into the vernacular, lose much of the true spirit and meaning desired to be conveyed, and it being essential for the students of our College to acquire a clear and comprehensive knowledge of such works in order to avail themselves of the benefits arising therefrom, it will be necessary to introduce the German language in one of the classes in the College, and therefore moved that a committee of three be appointed to report the most feasible plan to make German the language for instruction in one of the classes for such purpose. The following were appointed

by the Chair as a committee for the above purpose: Rev. Drs. S. H. Sonneschein, Max Lilienthal and Julius Freiberg, Esq., to report at the next meeting of the Board.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, March 3, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ o'clock, P. M., President Bettmann in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg, William Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander, Solomon Levi and Jacob Ezekiel.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, submitted the following monthly report, which was read, viz.:

CINCINNATI, March 1, 1878.

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—The various grades of the College are in *statu quo*, as regards discipline, attendance and the course of instruction, with a slight exception—that Herman Messing was unwell and, therefore, tardy for a few days; and Alex. F. Ullman has been unwell and absent last week. The preceptors always were punctually at their posts.

The College was visited during the month by the Rev. Drs. S. H. Sonneschein, S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis; Emil G. Hirsch, of Louisville; Mr. Lazarus Silberman, of Chicago, and several other prominent gentlemen.

The studies have been continued thus: Torah, First Prophets and Mishnah, all three grades; in Prophets, Rashi to Torah and Talmud, Grades C and B; in Hebrew grammar and Mechilta, Grade D; in Aramaic grammar, Grade C; and, in history, all three grades.

Being unwell, I can not go out in the evening, and beg you to excuse my absence.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,
President Hebrew Union College.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas, for board and lodging for students, February, 1878.....	\$319 70
Robert Clarke & Co., for books, etc., for students	17 85
Mendel, Berman & Co., for mdse. for students.....	1 50
Bloch & Co., for stationery	6 35
Rev. Abraham Harris, Hebrew teacher, February, 1878.	75 00
Solomon Eppinger, preceptor, February, 1878.....	83 33
William Krinkle, janitor, February, 1878.....	7 00
M. H. Silverman, board, etc., February, 1878.....	20 00
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The President stated that, in conjunction with the Committee on Accommodations, etc., he deemed it advisable to permit Isaac Rubenstein, an indigent student, to change his accommodations from Mr. J. J. Maas to Mr. Isaac Harris. On motion, the action of the President and Committee was concurred in.

The committee appointed at the meeting of this Board, held on the 11th ult., relative to Marcus M. Henry, reported progress, and asked indulgence until the next meeting.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this Board, held on the 11th ult., relative to the introduction of the German language in the classes of the College, reported progress, and asked indulgence until the next meeting.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, April 7, 1878. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at half-past seven, President Bettmann in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present: Bernhard Bettmann, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg, Wm. Goodheart, Henry Adler, Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, submitted the following monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

CINCINNATI, April 1, 1878.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors,
Hebrew Union College:*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report to your honorable Body that the Hebrew Union College is in *statu quo* in regard to number of students and teachers, time of daily sessions and subjects of tuition, and no change could well take place before September next.

Students and preceptors have been in punctual attendance, except some in Grade D, who have been irregular in attendance, and I would recommend the subject to the special notice of the Board, as irregularity can not be tolerated without great injury to the classes and the reputation of the College.

The absence of Rev. Dr. Lilienthal during the past week has been remedied by engaging the students in my department during the vacant time.

The progress in the studies is satisfactory in all grades. There is no student in the College who does not advance in the subjects taught, some more and others less rapidly, according to their natural capacities. Grade D commenced this year under less favorable auspices than any previous year; the progress to date shows that at the end of the scholastic year the students will have mastered the same subjects as those of every previous year, *i. e.*, in Hebrew, Bible, Mishnah, Mechilta and History.

Grade C has done well so far in Torah with *Rashi*, Former Prophets, Mishnah, Aramaic grammar, Talmud *Berachoth* to 13*a*, and will go over the same field as the advanced class did last year.

Grade B has commenced to write Hebrew under the direction of Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, continues with the reading of Isaiah, Kings, Torah with *Rashi*, Mishnah *Nezikin*, Talmud *Berachoth* to 37*b* and 54*a* to the end, and history in both classes.

The College has been visited during the month by a number of distinguished guests, also by William B. Hackenburg, Esq., of Philadelphia, who encouraged students and preceptors by expressions of satisfaction with the progress of the classes.

A number of useful books have been presented to the College by Mr. Seesel, of Memphis, Tenn.

With the assurance of my highest regard, I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

The following circular was issued in accordance with the action of Council and Board of Governors, viz.:

Fifty Dollars Premium for the Best Hymn-Book for Sabbath-Schools.

OFFICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, March 7, 1878. }

The fourth annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held at Philadelphia, July 10, 11, 12, 1877, recommended that a prize of fifty dollars be awarded for the best hymn-book for Sabbath-school purposes. The merits of the hymn-book so presented to be decided by a committee of competent judges, to be appointed by the Board of Governors, the copyright to be reserved to the authors. In pursuance of the action of Council, the Board of Governors offers a prize of fifty dollars as an award for the best hymn-book for Sabbath-schools. It is desirable that competitors for the prize should offer such hymn-book for competition that, in regard to style, size and price, could be brought into general use in Jewish Sabbath-schools throughout the United States.

The award will be made known at the next annual meeting of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at Milwaukee in July next.

The committee appointed by the Board of Governors to decide on the merits of hymn-books offered for competition consists of Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, of Cincinnati; Rev. Dr. Jas. K. Gutheim, of New Orleans; Rev. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Louisville; Rev. L. Naumberg, of Allegheny City, Pa. Hymn-books offered for competition must be sent to Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Chairman of the Committee, on or before the 1st day of July, 1878.

BERNHARD BETTMANN, President,
JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary,
Board of Governors, H. U. C.

The committee appointed by this Board on the 10th of February, 1878, to whom was referred the petition of Marcus M. Henry, reported adversely. On motion, the report of the committee was adopted.

The committee appointed by this Board on the 10th of February, 1878, relative to the possibility of introducing the German language in one of the classes of the College, reported progress, and asked indulgence to report.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, teacher of Jewish history at the Hebrew Union College, stated that Grades B and C are progressing rapidly in their studies of history, and that several of the stu-

dents, who he expected would have accomplished the least, now rank foremost in their class.

The following bills, duly audited, were ordered to be paid :

To J. J. Maas, for board, etc., for 12 students, month of March, 1878	\$304 50
To Kaal Kadosh B'nai Yeshurun for rent, etc., of vestry-room from September 1, 1877, to April 1, 1878.	80 00
To Robert Clarke & Co., books, etc., for use of College..	6 55
To Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co., for clothing for indigent students.....	42 00
To Mendel, Berman & Co., for hats	2 50
To American Bible Society, for Bible	2 50
To Isaac Harris, for board of student, Feb. and Mar., 1878	37 50
To Solomon Eppinger, preceptor, March, 1878.....	83 33
To Rev. Abraham Harris, Hebrew teacher, month of March, 1878 and balance due.....	90 00
To William Krinkle, janitor, month of April, 1878	7 00
To M. H. Silverman, board, etc., students, 1878.....	20 00
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	\$675 88

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, April 14, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven P. M., President Bettmann in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Bernhard Bettmann, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Solomon Levi, Julius Freiberg, Henry Adler, A. J. Friedlander, Wm. Goodheart, Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, also present.

President Bettmann stated that he anticipated taking a trip to his native land for the purpose of seeing an aged mother, and would not be present at the next regular meeting. In his usual happy style, he thanked the Board for the many courtesies and friendly bearings so uniformly extended toward him while in the discharge of his duties as its presiding officer, and hoped on his return to this city to find his colleagues in the enjoyment of life and health. The students of the College having passed a

successful examination, and as he did not expect to be present at the next meeting of the Council at Milwaukee, he hoped that our efforts to form a complete Union of Congregations, North, South, East and West, would be firmly and peacefully cemented, and crowned with all the success so ardently anticipated.

In response, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal offered the following resolutions, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, intends to start for Europe to visit his aged mother; be it

Resolved, That we, the members of this Board, wishing him a safe journey, hope that he may find his aged mother in good health, and deservedly receive her blessing as a son, who always lived up to the sacred command, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

Resolved, That this Board offer him their sincere thanks for the efficiency and impartiality he displayed during his administration, and while presiding over our meetings, and for the untiring efforts he devoted to the College and the interests of the students.

Resolved, That we hope to see our President at the next annual meeting of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and again unanimously re-elected to the important office he has so nobly filled during the past two years, that the experience he has had in administering the affairs of the College may for many years to come redound to the welfare of our young institution.

May Heaven speed our worthy President on his pilgrimage to his mother and on his return into our midst.

Resolved, That Solomon Levi, Esq., be requested to act as the presiding officer of this Board during the temporary absence of its President.

President Bettmann stated that he had convened the Board of Governors for the purpose of making suitable arrangements for the accommodations of our indigent students for the ensuing session of the College, 1878-1879; that he had received a communication from Mr. Louis Aufrecht, of Cleveland, O., proposing to enter into an arrangement with this Board for the purpose of boarding and lodging the students of our College.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was ordered that the President of this Board and the Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, Claims and Accommodations were appointed a special

committee to make suitable arrangements with Mr. Louis Aufrecht for the accommodation of the students, subject to the approval of this Board.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, May 5, 1877. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ P. M., Solomon Levi, Esq., in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Wm. Goodheart, Henry Adler, Julius Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last and preceding meetings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

A communication from Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, of St. Louis, was received, asking to be excused from the meeting of the Board this evening, and suggested that a special meeting be held on any Tuesday during this month, at which he would endeavor to participate.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart it was ordered that a special meeting of this Board be convened on Tuesday evening, May 21, 1878.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, submitted the following monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded:

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—**העולם כמנהגו נוהג** I can only report progress from the College with the exception that one of its students, Marcus M. Henry, of San Francisco, has withdrawn. The attendance and discipline of the students were unexceptionable, and the preceptors were at their posts and did their duties without fail. All lessons as reported were continued and no new subjects introduced. The classes will be prepared for the annual examination the last week in June, and I respectfully suggest to the Board to correspond with the three examiners appointed by the Council, in order to ascertain whether it would suit their convenience to be here and superintend the annual examination the last Monday in June; if so, to fix that day for

the said examination, to begin on said day and to be continued from day to day at the pleasure of the examiners, so that on the Sunday thereafter the closing exercises could take place.

I would respectfully call attention to the fact that the College has no seal, and it ought to have one. I suggest that one be ordered by the Board, to bear the circular inscription "Hebrew Union College, 1875," with the **MENOREH**, the seven lights burning in the center, and the motto **ההיום תורה כלמרי**, from Isaiah viii. 16, and closing the circular inscription with **אור הבקר**.

I would also suggest that a circular be published addressed to all publishers in the United States, requesting them to donate one copy of their Hebrew or Jewish publications, books, pamphlets, periodicals or journals, including the laws and proceedings of congregations, societies and lodges—to this College library. The Librarian shall report annually to this Board and by it and the Executive Board to the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the names of the books, authors and donors of all that was received, and an abstract of the history of Jewish literature as it appears from the publications thus received. This would prove beneficial to the publishers in the way of advertising to the Israelites at large by the information afforded, and would keep on record every Jewish publication, whereas many Jewish American publications have been lost and entirely forgotten.

Louis Sterne, Esq., of Boston, donated to our College library a box of books, duly received, containing the following thirty-seven volumes:

1. One complete Talmud Babli in twelve folio volumes, edit.: Sulzbach, 1757.
2. Two folio and four quarto volumes of several books of the Talmud Babli.
3. Four folio volumes of **TUR**, (complete), edit.: Wilhelmsdorf, 1737.
4. One Shulchan Aruch, **EBEN EZER**, with commentaries, folio, edit.: Fuerth, 1740.
5. One Shulchan Aruch, **YOREH DEAH**, with **PERI HADASH**.
6. One **HOK JACOB**, to Hil. Pesach, quarto, edit.: Amsterdam, 1725.
7. One **TADOTH SHELAMIM**, (rare), quarto, edit.: Venice, 1740.
8. Eleven volumes folio and two quarto of commentaries to the Talmud.
9. One volume **ABOTH** with commentaries, by Naphtali Hartwiz Wessely, folio, edit.: Berlin, 1775.
10. One volume **KUSARI**, by Juda Halevi, with Isaac Levi's Hebrew commentary, quarto, edit.: Berlin, 1795.

11. Two volumes (complete) of MOREH NEBUCHIM with commentaries, quarto, edit.: Berlin, 1750.

12. One volume (III. NER) of MENARETH HAMMOER with commentary and old German version. No title page. Withdrawn.

13. One volume (complete) of SIFTHEI HAHAMIM, quarto, edit.: Frankfort, 1712.

14. Two quarto volumes of DERASHOTH.

I suggest to the Board the acceptance of this donation and an official vote of thanks to the generous donor.

Permit me to make one more suggestion. The College library has grown up to nearly 400 volumes, many of which have been torn by use. It is necessary that some of them be bound, and all of them catalogued and numbered. Therefore I suggest that Mr. Rubenstein be appointed to act in conjunction with your Secretary to have all the books which need it properly bound, and to make out a catalogue according to plan and specification to be given to them. This must be done, however, during the months of July and August, as we need the library again in September next. I have the honor, gentlemen, to be

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

In compliance with the suggestion made by the President of the College in his report relative to the annual examination of the students and commencement exercises of the College, it was ordered that the annual examination of the students will take place at the Plum Street Temple, commencing on Monday, the 24th of June, 1878, and that the commencement exercises of the College take place on Sunday, the 30th of June, 1878, at Eureka Hall, under the auspices of the following committee: Messrs. Julius Freiberg, Wm. Goodheart and A. J. Friedlander, who are authorized to make all necessary arrangements for that purpose.

The proposition made by the President of the College in his report, to procure a seal for the College, was concurred in, and Messrs. Solomon Levi and Jacob Ezekiel were appointed a committee to procure the same.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to issue a circular to all publishers in the United States, requesting them to donate one copy of their Hebrew or Jewish publications, books, pamphlets, periodicals or journals, including the laws and pro-

ceedings of congregations, societies and lodges, to the College library, in accordance with the suggestions made by the President of the College in his report.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to inform the Board of Examiners, Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Rev. S. Morais and Rev. J. K. Gutheim, who were appointed at the meeting of the Council, held at Philadelphia on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July, 1877, that the examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College will commence on Monday, June 24, 1878, and request their special attendance.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and are hereby tendered to Louis Sterne, Esq., of Boston, Mass., for the generous donation of a collection of rare and useful books for the Hebrew Union College library, and that a suitable portion of the library be assigned for the reception of this valuable collection, with the name of the donor inscribed thereon;

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to the donor.

In accordance with a suggestion made by the President of the College in his report, the Secretary of the Board and Mr. Isaac Rubenstein were requested to examine the books belonging to the College library, to arrange and catalogue the same, and to have such re-bound in a substantial and uniform style of binding as may be required during the months of July and August, 1878.

The committee appointed at a special meeting of this Board, held on the 14th ult., reported that they had entered into an arrangement and contract with Mr. Louis Aufrecht, of Cleveland, O., to accommodate our indigent students of the College with boarding, lodging, etc., for the next session of 1878-'79, which contract was approved by the Board, as follows:

AGREEMENT.

The following agreement is entered into this twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), between Louis Aufrecht, at present of Cleveland, O., of the first part, and the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, located at Cincinnati, O., of the second part.

Witnesseth: That said Louis Aufrecht, in consideration of the covenants on the part of the party of the second part hereinafter contained, doth covenant and agree to, and with the said Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, that

1. He will give suitable board and lodging to fifteen or more students of the above-named College, to the full satisfaction of the Board of Governors, during the twelve months, from the first day of September, 1878, till the first day of September, 1879.

3. That he will watch during this period over the morals and general conduct of said students while they are with him to the best of his ability.

In consideration of the duties of the party of the first part, the Board of Governors promise:

1. To pay to Louis Aufrecht, monthly, at the rate of Twenty-five (25) dollars per month, for each individual student, during as many months or fractions of a month that each student received board and lodging at the hands of said Louis Aufrecht.

2. To pay to Louis Aufrecht an indemnity of one hundred and fifty (150) dollars for the loss of boarding students, which he will incur during the vacation months of July and August, through the absence of some or all the students.

And be it further agreed, that in case that any of the students become seriously ill, the Board of Governors be obliged to remove the patient or patients to some hospital or elsewhere.

And be it further agreed, that Louis Aufrecht will see to the washing and mending of the linens of said students, but that all wearing apparel, mending of clothes, books and stationery of the students are no concern of said Louis Aufrecht.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

LOUIS AUFRECHT,
SOLOMON LEVI,

President *pro tem.* Board of Governors, H. U. C.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to communicate with Mr. J. J. Maas, informing him that this Board have made other arrangements for the accommodation of the students for the ensuing session of 1878-'79.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the President of the College be requested to purchase twelve Hebrew Bibles for the use of the College.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz.:

To J. J. Maas for board and lodging 12 students, month of April 1878.....	\$303 75
To Isaac Harris for Board of Isaac Rubenstein.....	25 00
To M. H. Silverman for board of students....	20 00
To Solomon Eppinger, salary for April.....	83 33
To Rev. Abraham Harris, salary for April.....	75 00
To Wm. Krinkle, janitor, salary for April.....	7 00
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Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, May 20, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in special session at half-past seven P. M., Solomon Levi, Esq., President, *pro tem.*, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present: Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Henry Adler, William Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, also present.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, stating that he would be present and take part in the annual examination of the students on the 24th of June.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal stated, it having been intimated that, owing to the recent action of the Congregation "Mickvae Israel," of Philadelphia, declining to join the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Rev. S. Morais, one of the Committee of Examiners of the Students, appointed at the last meeting of Council of the Union, feels some reluctance in retaining that position. Whereupon the following resolution was offered by the Rev. Dr. Lilienthal and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That, as this Board is fully assured of the sympathy entertained by the Congregation "Mickvae Israel" for the objects of the Union, and that the adverse action of the meeting of said congregation, held on the 28th of April, 1878, was based on constitutional grounds, the Board of Governors, therefore,

desire Rev. S. Morais to retain the position to which he has been selected, assuring him that his presence at the next annual examination of the students of our College at Cincinnati will be hailed with satisfaction; that the Secretary be requested to communicate the action of this Board to Rev. S. Morais.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, the By-Laws governing this Board were so amended that hereafter the regular meetings of this Board shall be held on the first Monday of every month.

The President made a statement in regard to the annoyance and dissatisfaction created at former meetings of Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, caused by the promulgation of messages and reports submitted by some officers of the Boards, recommending different subjects for the consideration of the Council, which should have been brought to the notice of such Board prior to the meeting of Council, and which ought to be avoided in the future.

Whereupon the Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter all messages or reports emanating from the President or other officers of the Board of Governors, containing recommendations for the consideration of Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at their annual meetings shall be first submitted to the Board of Governors or to such committee as may be appointed by them for their service and approval. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the closing exercises of the College shall consist of short addresses of the President of the College and the Committee of Examiners of Students, and short essays by the students, and that no essays shall be read unless approved by the committee appointed for that purpose.

On motion, Rev. Drs. Max Lilienthal and S. H. Sonneschein were appointed as a special committee to carry out the objects contained in the above resolutions.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, it was

Resolved, That the President of this Board request the next annual Council of the Union to appropriate the sum of \$3,500 to the indigent students' fund for the ensuing year.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, June 8, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met at half-past seven o'clock, P. M., Solomon Levi, President, *pro tem.*, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Henry Adler, Julius Freiberg, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Wm. Goodheart, Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

A communication was received from Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia, one of the Committee of Examiners of Students, stating that he would be in Cincinnati to perform that duty at the annual examination on the 24th inst.

A communication was received from Rev. James K. Gutheim, of New Orleans, one of the Committee of Examiners of Students, stating his inability to be present and take part in the annual examination on the 24th inst., on account of official congregational duties.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was ordered that the Secretary be requested to inform Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein and Rev. S. Morais of the anticipated absence of Rev. James K. Gutheim at the annual examination, and request them to fill the vacancy that will be occasioned by his absence.

The President, *pro tem.*, stated that he had received a communication from Rev. Abraham Harris, Hebrew teacher at the College, in regard to discipline, which, on motion, was referred to the President of the College for such action as may be requisite in the premises.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was ordered that Julius Freiberg, A. J. Friedlander and William Goodheart be constituted a committee to inquire into the expediency of incorporating the Hebrew Union College.

On motion of William Goodheart, it was ordered that the Secretary be authorized to order payment of the account of Mr. J. J. Maas for board and lodging of students, for the month of June, whenever presented, if certified as correct by the Committee on Salaries, Claims, etc.

The following bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, viz. :

To J. J. Maas, for board and lodging students, etc. (May, 1878)	\$303 30
P. Halligan, repairing clothing for student (May, 1878) ..	9 00
Heidelberg, Friedlander & Co., for clothing for students ..	33 75
Robert Clarke & Co., for books	4 75
Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, books imported for the College ..	40 00
J. B. Schroder, for locks, etc.	5 15
J. Lowman & Brothers, for shirts	12 50
Mendel, Berman & Co., hats, etc.	7 25
L. M. Prince, for spectacles	2 00
M. Marcus, for carpentering	2 00
Solomon Eppinger, salary (May, 1878)	83 33
Rev. Abraham Harris, salary (May, 1878)	75 00
Isaac Harris, for boarding students	25 00
M. H. Silverman, for boarding students	20 00
William Krinkle, janitor	7 00
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On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was ordered that the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the report to the Executive Board for publication, and to spread the same on the minutes of this Board.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Secretary, Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College.

[Approved]

SOLOMON LEVI, President, *pro tem.*

To Candidates for the Hebrew Union College, Session 1878-'79.

The first Monday of September next the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College will be re-opened in all its (four) classes, when all candidates for the ensuing school-year, 1878-'79, must be present to register their names. All applications are to be sent to Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O.

Candidates, in order to be admitted to D Grade, must pass a

satisfactory examination in Hebrew reading, grammar beyond the regular verb (שלמים), translation from Genesis, Bible History to 586 B. C., and in the English studies thus: English Grammar, Arithmetic, Geography and American History. Candidates not being thus prepared can pursue those studies privately in this city, and under the guidance of competent instructors during vacation.

Candidates for admission in any of the higher grades (C, B or A) must pass a satisfactory examination for any respective grade in Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars, in Bible, Mishnah, Talmud and History, as prescribed in each grade, and a corresponding knowledge in Latin, Greek, Mathematics and General History, and will be graded according to examination.

In Grade A, preparatory for the collegiate department, there will be taken: Latter Prophets, Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah; from the Talmud in *Chulin* ELU TEREPHOTH with *mephorshim* and *poskim*, and in *Sanhedrin* for cursory reading, CHELEK; Syriac Grammar and History through, together with Latin, Greek, Mathematics, etc., sufficient for admission to the University. German and French are included in all grades, but are not obligatory.

The Board of Governors resolved to tender a free scholarship, including boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., to the most meritorious boy in each of all the Jewish Orphan Asylums in the United States, provided, the boy, on leaving at the time fixed as the limit of his stay, in accordance with the regulations governing such institution, shall possess the necessary qualifications for entering the said Hebrew Union College.

A limited number of indigent students will be admitted, for whom will be furnished free. boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., if possessed of the necessary qualifications for admission.

Young men desirous of obtaining a thorough classical education at the Cincinnati High Schools and University, which is gratuitous, and the advantages of the course of studies at the Hebrew Union College, can obtain all necessary information relative to terms for boarding, lodging, etc., on application to the Chairman of the Committee, Solomon Levi, Esq., Cincin-

nati, O., or to Superintendent Louis Aufrecht, Jewish Orphan Asylum, Cleveland, O. Tuition in the Hebrew Union College is free, without any religious test, and without registering fees.

ISAAC M. WISE,

President Hebrew Union College.

CINCINNATI, June, 1878.

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—The Committee, appointed at the Fourth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, beg leave to report that your Committee and the Committee on the part of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites organized by electing William B. Hackenburg, Esq., of Philadelphia, Pa., as Chairman of the joint Committee, to whom was intrusted the entire management of the undertaking for which the Committee were appointed.

In order to obtain the most correct data of information desirable to complete the task for which your Committee was appointed, the Chairman immediately issued nearly two thousand copies of the following circular, accompanied with the necessary blanks, etc., which were forwarded to the various Jewish congregations, institutions and societies as well as the most prominent Israelites throughout the United States, viz.:

Board of Delegates American Israelites and Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
OF THE JEWS OF THE UNITED STATES,
PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1877. }

DEAR SIR:—During 1876 and 1877 the Joint Committee representing the above organizations were engaged in procuring sta-

tistics of the Jews of this country in cities and towns where congregations, societies or lodges of the Jewish Orders were known to exist. The result of its labors was presented to the annual councils of the respective bodies, held in May and July, 1877; it proved highly satisfactory, and received their hearty approval. The Committee reported that many towns had not been reached in the short time that elapsed from the commencement of the work. Both organizations at once made liberal appropriations, renewed their committees with instructions to canvass every town in the United States. For that object we now address you; it is our purpose to procure the exact Jewish population, with number of congregations, religious schools, charitable institutions and any other interesting information concerning them. We have prepared and inclosed a postal card, with several questions, which you will kindly answer, sign your name and return. If there is any additional information you desire to furnish concerning our co-religionists in your town, add on the card, if there is sufficient room, if not, please address a letter to the Chairman. Upon the completion of the work, it is contemplated to publish it in pamphlet form, file a copy in the proper department at Washington, and distribute to all who reply. No member of the Committee receives any pay; they have undertaken the work for the only representative bodies of the Jews of the United States as a matter of pride and pleasure to enable them to lay before the world a true statement of our strength and what we have done in the cause of religion, education and charity.

It rests with you, whose aid we now ask, to furnish the information so that the labor may be speedily completed in a thoroughly reliable manner.

Do not delay returning the answers.

Respectfully yours,

WM. B. HACKENBURG, *Chairman*,
20 North Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

WM. B. HACKENBURG, Philadelphia.

REV. HENRY S. JACOBS, New York.

SIMON WOLF, Washington, D. C.

MYER STERN, New York.

WM. BENNETT, New York.

Committee Board of Delegates.

JACOB EZEKIEL, Cincinnati, O.

LEWIS ABRAHAM, Washington, D. C.

PHILIP LEWIN, Philadelphia.

A. W. RICH, Milwaukee, Wis.

JACOB FURTH, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee Union of A. H. C.

We, therefore, are greatly indebted to Wm. B. Hackenburg, Esq., who, by his untiring zeal, time and labor expended, has been enabled to obtain a vast amount of additional valuable information in regard to the statistics embraced in the report to

the Council at its last session, July, 1877, of the Jewish population of the United States, the number of congregations, houses of worship, Sabbath-schools, institutions and societies, together with the value of property owned by the various congregations, etc., we, therefore, submit for your consideration the annexed report, a copy of which has been submitted to the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, at its last session, May 27, 1878, viz.:

MAY 27, 1878.

To the President and Representatives of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites:

GENTLEMEN:—Your body having decided at the last Annual Convention that the collating of statistics of the Jews of the United States, which was commenced in 1876, jointly by the Board of Delegates and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, should be continued, that organization at its last Annual Council agreed to continue its co-operation.

A committee of five representatives, consisting of Messrs. Jacob Ezekiel, Lewis Abraham, Jacob Furth, A. W. Rich and Philip Lewin, from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and those whose names are hereunto attached on the part of your Board, were appointed to proceed with the work, and appropriations of two hundred and fifty dollars from each were made toward defraying the expenses attendant thereon. They organized by electing Mr. Wm. B. Hackenburg Chairman of the Joint Committee, and agreed upon the plan proposed by your committee last year for the continuance of the work.

A list was immediately prepared from one of the latest commercial reports of 1,800 towns in the United States (not previously heard from), where it was thought probable any of our co-religionists resided.

Postal-cards, addressed to the Chairman, on which several questions asking for the desired information were printed, inclosed with a circular containing full explanations of the object were sent to some such person in each place. Not having any certain facts to base a knowledge of their being Jews, it is but natural that in some instances mistakes occurred; about 100 were returned from different post-offices as "not found," while others simply filled up the blank "none reside in the place." Replies have been received from 850 places; of those still unanswered it is possible the persons to whom they were addressed were not Israelites, and none resided in the town, or if they were, did not feel sufficient interest to fill up and return the blank form.

By this means statistics have been received from 50 congregations and 750 cities and towns in addition to those presented in our report at the last Annual Convention.

We have ascertained from what we think reliable sources (probably in no event other than an actual canvass of every house could the information be more correctly obtained), the Jewish population of every large city, and nearly 1,000 other cities and towns, as well as securing much valuable and interesting information concerning our people.

We regret being again compelled to present our report without having heard anything from the five congregations in Cincinnati; nothing additional from those in Baltimore, nor from two of the large congregations in San Francisco, and three of those in New Orleans, although earnest and repeated efforts were made to procure reports from them. The statistics of nearly every other congregation in the country were furnished as requested.

A copy of each report has been entered in the book prepared last year for the purpose; being too lengthy to present in detail, a condensed statement, arranged in States, is submitted with this, showing the total result of the work to be that reports have been received from 1,003 different places, 223 congregations with 12,030 members, property and assets valued at \$4,607,110. The property belonging to the public institutions under Jewish control is valued at \$1,715,400; 12,674 scholars receive religious instruction under 652 teachers. The number of Jews residing in the United States, so far as heard from, reaches 227,528. In our former report we estimated the total number at 250,000, this was based on the returns from 253 places, which included nearly all our large cities, making, up to that time, 189,576; it was thought by adding 60,000 for those cities not furnishing any data, and the smaller towns which had not been asked for statistics, would give a fair approximate estimate. Since then reports from 750 additional cities and towns have added but 38,000 to the original number. There is good reason to suppose, from the small number living in a large preponderance of towns which reported, that those places from which no facts have been received will not augment the total beyond our first estimate of 250,000.

Condensed Statement of Statistics of the Jews of the United States, as Reported May 27, 1878.

STATES.	Number of congregations reported.	Members.	Value of Synagogue Property.	Value of property belonging to institutions and societies.	Number of children attending religious schools.	Number of Teachers.	Number of towns and cities heard from.	Population.	REMARKS.
Maine.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	500	{ There is a congregation at Portland, but not heard from.
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	150	{ Not a congregation in the State.
Vermont.....	1	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	120	
Rhode Island.....	1	45	\$ 1,000	.....	20	1	3	1,000	
Massachusetts.....	4	317	32,900	.....	215	10	1	8,500	{ No additional returns since last report, 4 congregations in Boston not heard from.
Connecticut.....	1	124	25,000	.....	100	1	11	1,492	
New York City.....	14	2,351	1,783,000	808,000	2,598	109	1	60,000	{ 9 small congregations not heard from.
New York State.....	23	921	245,475	.....	1,165	69	69	20,566	
New Jersey.....	6	232	73,200	.....	193	5	20	5,593	
Philadelphia.....	8	1,458	475,000	188,500	1,335	74	1	12,000	
Pennsylvania.....	20	601	111,600	.....	522	27	67	6,279	
Delaware.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	585	{ Not a congregation in the State.
District of Columbia.....	3	144	29,500	.....	158	8	2	1,508	
Baltimore.....	2	42	1,000	77,500	30	1	1	10,000	{ 9 congregations and Hebrew Hospital not reported.
Maryland.....	2	32	8,000	.....	62	7	8	337	
Virginia.....	8	287	40,735	.....	363	38	15	2,406	
West Virginia.....	2	58	2,500	.....	54	2	8	511	
North Carolina.....	3	82	20,000	.....	59	7	16	820	
South Carolina.....	2	110	80,000	.....	171	13	29	1,415	
Georgia.....	7	309	72,550	.....	266	21	28	2,699	
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	775	{ A congregation was organized in Jacksonville in 1876, no particulars.
Alabama.....	6	284	42,700	.....	259	13	32	2,040	
Mississippi.....	8	243	24,600	.....	194	15	28	2,262	
Louisiana.....	11	416	214,600	90,400	372	30	30	7,568	
Texas.....	7	250	75,000	.....	293	20	32	3,300	

{ Cincinnati has 5 congregations, none reported. The College of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has 22 students and 3 teachers. }

Ohio	13	440 \$	80,300	\$ 47,000	731	30	57	14,531	
Cincinnati Heb. Hospital .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cleveland Orphan Asy. ....	.....	.....	.....	310,000	.....	14	55	2,856	.....
Indiana	12	308	57,400	.....	371	.....	.....	12,443	.....
Illinois	10	564	279,300	.....	645	30	67	3,602	.....
Kentucky	3	218	148,000	.....	263	14	38	3,751	.....
Tennessee	5	273	71,500	.....	340	17	14	3,233	.....
Michigan	5	216	34,300	.....	286	16	32	2,559	.....
Wisconsin	3	85	53,000	.....	129	9	22	416	.....
Minnesota	1	28	3,300	.....	16	2	4	1,245	.....
Iowa	4	93	15,950	.....	60	3	51	7,380	.....
Missouri	5	506	168,000	.....	313	13	33	1,466	.....
Arkansas	4	165	22,000	San Fran	150	8	27	819	.....
Kansas	2	56	12,000	Asylum.	65	6	22	18,559	{ San Francisco has 5 congregations, 2 not heard from.
California	10	633	296,800	134,000	678	17	83	868	Not a congregation in the State.
Oregon	1	60	10,200	.....	65	1	13	162	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Nebraska .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Montana Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	780	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Nevada	1	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	253	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Utah Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	422	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Colorado	1	31	4,800	.....	35	1	10	108	Not a congregation in the Territory.
New Mexico Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Arizona Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Dakota Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	83	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Idaho .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	145	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Washington Territory .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	Not a congregation in the Territory.
Wyoming .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	223	12,030	4,607,110	1,715,400	12,674	652	1,003	227,528	.....

* K. K. B'nai Yeshurun, Cincinnati, since reported.

In our last report mention was made of a very old Synagogue at Newport, R. I., but were then unable to give any particulars. The following record has since been found in Peterson's history of that State.

"1763, This year the Jewish Synagogue in Newport, which was erected the year before, was dedicated to the God of Abraham. At this time the town of Newport contained upward of sixty Jewish families, among them were many merchants of wealth and enterprise. * * * There is now in the Town Clerk's office the copy of a deed of a certain lot of land, thirty feet square, sold by Nathaniel Dickens to Mordecai Campannald and Moses Packeckoe for a burial place for the Jews. This deed is dated February 28, 1677. * * * The first Jews who settled in Newport were of Dutch extraction from Curacao." This portion of the work continues at some length on the subject, giving the names of many of the residents, who were regarded with high esteem and held positions of great honor and trust. The Synagogue was closed about 1790, doubtless in consequence of the removal or death of most of the Jewish residents, and remained closed until about 1850, when the late Rev. Dr. M. J. Raphael, of New York, while on a visit to Newport, held divine service in it on a Sabbath day. From what we have thus gleaned, it is conclusively proven that the first settlement of Jews in this country must have been at Newport.

An error having been discovered by the person who made the returns last year for the Congregation Mickveh Israel, of Philadelphia, as to the date of its organization, it was corrected and now stands on the record as being founded in 1783; it is included in the list of those in existence before 1800, reported last year.

Lewis Abraham, Esq., of Washington, a member of the Committee from the U. A. H. C., volunteered to prepare a list of Jews who served in the American army during the war of the Revolution and 1812, and those of both sides during the late war, so far as the records on file in the Department at Washington would permit.

It was hoped that this very interesting part of our statistics would be ready in season to include in this report; being a work requiring much labor and time, it has been impossible for that gentleman to complete it.

There appears to be a marked religious feeling prevalent among our co-religionists scattered through the country; many reports speak of steps being taken to form a congregation, while others express the desire, but are prevented from doing so from want of necessary means. The plan of circuit preaching or offering to small towns and congregations without ministers the

occasional benefits of the ministrations of our clergy of larger cities, as proposed by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, can not be too highly recommended.

The interest felt in Judaism by its adherents is shown in various ways, but in no greater form than that displayed in the cause of education; we believe they are fully alive to the requirements of the age, and are improving every opportunity to furnish their youths with a knowledge of our ancient language and holy religion; the best evidence of this is shown by the constant agitation of the subject, the formation of additional primary and more advanced schools for religious instruction, the recent establishment of preparatory schools in several of the larger cities to properly train those who may wish to acquire a collegiate education, and in the founding of a college also, under the auspices of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, which, although still in its infancy, promises in time to be prolific of good results.

Various items of information were received from many societies whose objects are the alleviation of distress, mutual assistance and charitable work, which have been copied in the Book of Statistics.

Of the appropriations of two hundred and fifty dollars from each organization, less than half has been expended as follows:

For postal-cards, stamped envelopes and stamps.....	\$ 94 00
For printing	43 00
For clerical work.....	85 00
For stationery.....	8 54
For traveling, expressage, etc.....	7 50

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The present stage of the undertaking is as near completion as it is possible for us to attain. The almost certain dissolution of the Board of Delegates will necessitate our co-laborers taking sole charge of the balance of the work. This committee, while not having authority to offer recommendations and which might also appear indelicate on their part, would respectfully suggest to the next Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (in case the Board of Delegates cease to exist), that their committee be continued and proceed to fulfill the promise made in our several circulars to publish the statistics so far as received, deposit a copy in the proper department of the government at Washington, distribute copies to all congregations, lodges, societies and individuals who assisted by furnishing information to the Joint Committee, and for such other distribution as they may think necessary.

Your committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Book of Statistics, all reports, returns of statistics, books and other papers used or received by the Committee on Statistics now in their possession or in the hands of the Chairman of the Joint Committee be received and accepted, and that they be retained in the possession of such Joint Committee pending any further disposition that may hereafter become expedient and necessary.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to all organizations or individuals who kindly assisted in the work with the desired information.

Resolved, That the Joint Committee be empowered to continue their labors should they consider any further information or advantage attainable.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed :

WM. B. HACKENBURG,
HENRY S. JACOBS,
WM. BENNETT,
MYER STERN.

Your Committee are unable to add anything of interest to the foregoing report, except the returns of statistics from the Congregation B'nai Yeshurun, of Cincinnati (which has been received since the meeting of the Board of Delegates), and the data furnished by its Secretary, Frederick Rauh, Esq., adds the following important items to our report, viz.: "KAAL KADOSH B'NAI YESHURUN, Cincinnati, Hamilton Co., Ohio. Organized 1842. Contributing members, 163. Real estate (Temple), \$200,000. Income for the year, \$18,000. Expenses for the year, \$17,000. Rabbi, Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise. Sabbath-school, 225 children, with five teachers. Children are taught Hebrew, grammar, Jewish history, etc. President, Nathaniel Newburgh. Secretary, Frederick Rauh. Estimated Jewish population of Cincinnati, 15,000—8,000 males, 7,000 females. Young Men's Hebrew Association, 300 members and small library. Allemania Society, for literary and social purposes, 225 members; library, 1,500 volumes. Phœnix Society, same objects, 200 members; library, 300 volumes."

Your Committee, having no further suggestions to make,

therefore, urge the concurrence and adoption by Council to the various suggestions and recommendations contained in the above report as submitted to the Board of Delegates of American Israelites.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Cincinnati, O.,

LEWIS ABRAHAM,
Washington, D. C.,

JACOB FURTH,
St. Louis, Mo.,

A. W. RICH,
Milwaukee, Wis.,

PHILIP LEWIN,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

} Committee Union
of American Heb.
Congregations.

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Report of Committee on College Buildings and Grounds.

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To the Honorable Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee on College Buildings and Grounds beg leave to submit the following report :

During the past year twenty-two new propositions for the sale of buildings and building sites have been received and considered, all of which propositions are herewith presented.

Your Committee has carefully examined the several properties offered, and find there are a number quite favorable in character and price, but it is deemed more advisable to submit the same without expressing any decided choice.

The times and opportunities are now most propitious for advantageous selection and purchase, and the speedy determina-

tion of the matter will inspire renewed interest and confidence in the Union and promote the early consummation of its most important object.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend decisive action at as early a day as may be reasonable and practicable, and that the propositions herewith presented, together with such others as may hereafter be made, be referred to the Executive Board, with full power to act in the premises in behalf of the Union, provided, however, that their actions shall be consistent with the Constitution and laws of the Union.

Respectfully submitted,

ADAM A. KRAMER,	} Committee.
M. LOTH,	
JULIUS FREIBERG,	
B. BETTMANN,	
JACOB EZEKIEL,	

CINCINNATI, O., June 19, 1878.

Mr. A. W. Rich offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That in addition to the Standing Committees provided for in the By-Laws, there shall be appointed by the President three Special Committees A, B, and C to consist of five members each.

Resolved, That so much of President Loth's report as refers to the Board of Delegates and the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws contained in the Secretary's report, be referred to Special Committee A.

Resolved, That so much of President Loth's report as refers to Circuit Preaching and the Sabbath, be referred to Special Committee B.

That so much of his report as refers to College Grounds and Buildings and Educational Aid Societies, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much of his report as refers to publications, be referred to the Committee on Publications.

That the remainder of his report be referred to Special Committee C.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Secretary as refers to the receipts and disbursements, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That his letter-book and the letters received by the Executive Board, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That the accounts between the Union and its members, be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Board of Governors as refers to the bills ordered to be paid, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That the remainder of the report and the report of the President of the Hebrew Union College, be referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Statistics, be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Resolved, That the reports of the Committee on College Buildings and Grounds, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was read :

To the Officers and Members to the Fifth Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—Appreciating the high honor conferred upon this community, and especially upon our co-religionists therein, in the assembling in our midst of this the Fifth Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, a body, in whose ranks we hail men of national reputation and of eminent abilities, whose deliberations and purposes we recognize to be for the progress of liberal ideas and of consequent benefit to humanity, the Israelites of Milwaukee have endeavored in some small measure, to show their acknowledgement of such appreciation.

If our efforts are not crowned with that success which we so ardently desire, we would beg your charitable consideration; and in offering you our humble hospitality, we trust you will accept it with that free and hearty will, in which we consider it an honor to ourselves to proffer it.

In the name of the Israelites of Milwaukee, we hereby tender to you, the delegates to this Council and to your ladies, a *banquet*, to be given on to-morrow (Wednesday) evening, July 10th, at eight o'clock, at the Plankinton Hotel; a *carriage ride* through and around our beautiful city, on Thursday afternoon, the 11th inst. at two o'clock, and *through the kindness and*

courtesy of the Milwaukee Music Verein, a Summer-night's Festival, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, at Quentin's Park.

Trusting that each and all of you will participate in these festivities, we have the honor to be

Very respectfully,
DAVID ADLER, Chairman,
HENRY M. OBERNDORFER, Secretary,
Of Committee on Arrangements.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 9, 1878.

On motion, the communication was received and the invitation accepted.

A letter from Dr. F. De Sola Mendes in reference to the proposed publication by him of a rabbinical dictionary, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publication.

A communication from Congregation Benai Israel, of Evansville, Ind., in reference to the non-election by them of representatives to the Council, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

The following report was read and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College :

Supplementary Report of the Board of Governors of the H. U. C.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—Owing to the difference in the time of the close of the fiscal year of the Executive Board and the close of the school-year of the Hebrew Union College, a discrepancy will seem to appear between the printed report of the Secretary of the Executive Board and that of the Board of Governors. In order to harmonize the same, I beg to state that the expenditures of the Hebrew Union College, as reported by the Secretary of the Executive Board, are only up to May 31, 1878 ; from that period to date, the Board of Governors had current ex-

penses for the College, for the accommodation of indigent students, for the Committee of Examiners (their traveling expenses) and for incidentals connected with the closing exercises of the classes, the sum of \$1,609.51, which amount will appear in the Secretary's report of the coming fiscal year.

Since the last session of the Council, the Board of Governors held (17) seventeen regular monthly and special meetings.

I beg to direct your attention to the following recommendations :

First, To appropriate \$3,500 for the support of indigent students for the coming year; and,

Second, For an appropriation of \$500 for the purchase of the necessary books required in the College library, as recommended by the President of the College.

The examination of the D, C, and B Grades of the Preparatory classes of the Hebrew Union College took place on the 24th, 26th and 27th of June, conducted by the Committee appointed by the last Council, namely : Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia; Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, and Dr. H. Zirndorf, of Detroit. Rev. James K. Gutheim, of New Orleans, was unavoidably prevented from serving, the vacancy was filled by appointment of Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, of Detroit, Mich.

At the closing exercises, on Sunday, June 30, 1878, Rev. Dr. Zirndorf opened with prayer and Rev. Dr. Morais closed the same with an eloquent address, deservedly complimenting the students and the professors.

I have inclosed programmes of the examination and exercises for future reference. The report of the Committee of Examiners, as to the standing and progress of the classes, will be laid before you during the session of the Council.

The salaries of the teachers of the College amounted in the last year to about \$1,900, namely, \$1,000 to Preceptor S. Eppinger, and \$900 to Rev. A. Harris. Rev. Drs. Wise and Lilienthal again served gratuitously; their eminent services, so unselfishly given, deserve special mention and are appreciated to the fullest extent by the Board of Governors.

There were 23 students in the College at the close of the

term ; with the next term, Grade A will be opened, from which qualified students will graduate to the College proper. Marcus M. Henry and Herman Hirschberg, who attended part of last term, have ceased to remain in the College for the want of proper qualifications.

The Board of Governors have made a contract with Mr. L. Aufrecht for the coming year, for the accommodation of all the indigent students, and we have reason to hope that it will prove to be to the interest of those in our special charge. Mr. Aufrecht will likewise fill a preceptorship in the College.

In the absence of Mr. B. Bettmann, the President of the Board of Governors, who is now on a visit in Europe to his aged mother, I have deemed it proper to direct your attention to the preceding statements, made without any effort at arrangement or continuity or special comment.

Kindly thanking my esteemed co-workers for their ever-ready assistance, hoping soon to see the President of the Board of Governors again at the post he is so eminently qualified to fill with honor, and with my best wishes for our undertaking, I am,

Respectfully, etc.,

SOLOMON LEVI,

President pro tem. Board of Governors, H. U. C.

The following report was read. On motion it was received, and ordered to be printed for the use of this Council :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The Committee appointed by the Council assembled at Philadelphia in 1877, to conduct, this year, the annual examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College, beg leave to submit the following report :

The general result of the examination proved very satisfactory. Taking into consideration that the students were engaged, during the best hours of the day, in secular studies at the public schools, the proficiency exhibited in various branches of sacred lore exceeded, in many instances, the anticipations formed.

BIBLE.

The students have obtained a considerable knowledge of the scriptural text, and the manner in which they mastered difficulties attending the construction of the language showed a degree of application quite gratifying. The examiners recommend, nevertheless, greater accuracy in reading the original, applying in practice the rules learned theoretically.

The readiness with which the students translated historical portions, and, to a great extent, poetical effusions in the Bible, gave unmistakable evidence of the progress made.

The successful attempt to render into Hebrew some passages from the vernacular tongue bore testimony to the effective teaching received. Still, your committee agree as to the necessity of reducing somewhat the time set apart for the study of Mishnah and Gemara, and devoting more hours to such exercise as may sooner lead to a thorough acquaintance with the contents and diction of *all* the books of the sacred Scriptures. To accomplish that end, the examiners recommend that the students be trained to consult some of the best commentaries. Among writers of the Middle Ages, those of Aben Ezra, David Kimchi and Gersonides; among modern expositors, the productions of Mendelssohn, Reggio, Luzzatto and others, that have thrown much light upon the original, by profound criticism.

Your Committee deems it important likewise that a taste for Hebrew composition be awakened and encouraged, and to effect that object, occasional exercises in letter-writing or easy essays are suggested.

MISHNAH AND GEMARA.

The examiners express gratification at having convinced themselves of the learning attained at the College in those branches of rabbinical literature. The intricacies of Talmudic discussions, the perplexities that all scholars meet in the style and in the definition of terms upon which, sometimes, the understanding of a whole paragraph depends, did not deter the students from bending their minds upon conquering what, to many of them, must have appeared insurmountably difficult.

HISTORY.

Events chronologically related in both Biblical and Post-Biblical history satisfied your committee that due attention had

been paid to that essential study, and a commendable familiarity had been acquired therewith. An acceptable improvement, however, would be to accustom the students of the highest grade to tell consecutively, in their own language, the leading causes which gave rise to some striking events in the annals of our people.

MECHILTA.

Your Committee noticed the facility with which portions of that ancient work were read and explained. But as the lessons therein conveyed in exegetical and figurative manner can be learnt subsequently to more advantage in rabbinical commentaries, notably in "Rashi," the discontinuance of that study is recommended.

The Examining Committee perform an act of justice in highly commending preceptors and pupils for the unwavering exertions, crowned with unprecedented success in America.

The College in Cincinnati may unequivocally be pronounced an object deserving the support of all Israelites, who wish that attachment to the ancestral faith be founded upon a knowledge of its precepts, and an extensive acquaintance with the national literature.

Respectfully submitted,

S. MORAIS,
DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
DR. H. ZIRNDORF.

On motion of Mr. Lewis Seasongood, the Council took a recess for half an hour, to enable the President to select the Standing and Special Committees.

On re-assembling, the President announced that credentials had been presented to him during the recess from the following gentlemen, elected as representatives to this Council by Congregation Emanuel of New York City: Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, Messrs. Abraham Stein, Jacob Goldsmith, Adolph L. Sanger, Seligman Adler, Samuel M. Cohn, Lazarus Rosenfeld, Henry Oberndorfer, Myer Stern, J. E. Summerstein, Simon Heiter, N. Littauer, Wm. Sulzbacher, Moses Schloss, J. F. Bamberger, James Seligman, Lewis May, Mayer Lehman, and A. Limburger, and by Mr. Moritz Ellinger as representative from congregation Beth El of New York City.

The President announced the appointment of the following Committees:

ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Josiah Cohen.
David Adler.
Abraham Stein.
Louis Krohn.
Augustus Binswanger.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Lewis N. Dembitz.
Edward Bloch.
Dr. B. Felsenthal.
Siegmond Levyn.
Isaac Cantrovitz.

ON FINANCE.

Isaac Lesem.
Lewis Seasongood.
L. M. Hellman.
Emanuel Wertheimer.
Gustav S. Ensel.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Nathan Bloom.
Martin Butzel.
Daniel Wolf.
Rev. H. J. Messing.
A. W. Rich.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Sigmund Mann.
Moritz Ellinger.
Rev. Dr. S. Falk.
Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch.
Jacob Ezekiel.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE A.

Julius Freiberg.
Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil.
Albert Peyser.
Elias Friend.
Solomon Levi.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE B.

Rev. M. Samfield.
M. N. Lando.
Moses Marks.
Rev. Henry Gersoni.
Joseph Wolfert.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE C.

Moritz Loth.
B. Hysinger.
Rev. H. Bloch.
Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.
Solomon Mossler.

On motion of Mr. L. N. Dembitz, the report of the examiners of the Hebrew Union College was ordered to be referred to a special committee of five, to be appointed by the President. The President appointed as the Committee: Mr. Moritz Ellinger, Dr. Gustav Gottheil, Mr. Lewis N. Dembitz, Dr. S. H. Sonnenschein and Dr. B. Felsenthal.

A communication was read from Mr. M. Loth, President of the Executive Board, stating that an informal conference had been had with gentlemen representing several Eastern congregations, and recommending certain amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws for the consideration of the Council. On motion, the communication and the proposed amendments were referred to Special Committee A.

The Committee on Hymn Book, appointed by the Board of Governors in accordance with the action of the Fourth Council, presented the following report:

To the Fifth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee on the award of the prize offered by the Council for the best hymn-book, beg leave to report as follows:

That, in their judgment, none of the works offered and examined is of such a character as to deserve the premium ;

That, therefore, the competition be kept open for one more year, and a new competition be invited.

That your Committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully yours,

DR. M. LILIENTHAL, Chairman.

DR. E. G. HIRSCH.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., July 9, 1878.

On motion, the report was received and the Committee continued until next year.

At two o'clock, P. M., the Council took a recess until five o'clock, P. M.

The Council re-assembled at five o'clock, P. M., President Kramer in the chair.

On motion of Mr. Josiah Cohen, Mr. Mayer Sulzberger, as a member of a Committee appointed by the Board of Delegates to meet with us, was granted the privileges of the floor.

The Committee on Hebrew Union College presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee, agreeably to the duties of their appointment, have carefully considered the report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, as set forth in printed form, together with a manuscript supplement to the same, and have also considered the report of the President of the Hebrew Union College, and respectfully beg leave to submit: That the records of the minutes of the several meetings of the Board fully sustain the high reputation for fidelity to trust which characterize the gentlemen who compose it. They have been faithful and devoted down to the most minute details incident to the well-being of the Hebrew Union College. They have conscientiously labored amid all the trials, inconveniences and unusual burdens peculiar to the organization of all kindred institutions. Their reward is evident. The success of the pupils

as evinced at the last examination is not only a reflex of the devoted labors of the teachers, but is alike in part due to the thorough system of organization and efficient provisions afforded by the Board of Governors, whose labors command the highest thanks and appreciation of this Council, which should accordingly be tendered them.

We recommend the adoption and approval of the appropriation of thirty-five hundred dollars by this Council, toward expenses for indigent students, and the further sum of five hundred dollars toward the purchase of such necessary books as are recommended for College purposes, as suggested by the President of the College and prayed for by the Board of Governors in their report. The necessity of the former appropriation is self-evident, the essence of the design of our College demands the latter as a part of the material essential to that design.

Your Committee would fail in their duties were they to close this report without recommending to this Council the tender of a vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise for his valuable and efficient services as President and Professor of the College. Such unselfish devotion as his to a cause, for the sake of the cause, together with a persistent refusal on his part to receive financial remuneration, deserves your highest commendation.

Nor can we fail to recommend your Council the tender of a vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal for his continued efforts and labors as a professor in the College, merely through a devoted devotion to the cause of Hebrew literature and Jewish theology, and refusing compensation in any form.

Your Committee are of opinion that the thanks of this Council are eminently due to the Board of Governors for their unwearied devotion to their arduous duties.

We congratulate the Council on the accumulated evidences of the success of our enterprise, and on the unbroken circle that our membership now embraces.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSIAH COHEN, Chairman,
LOUIS KROHN,
A. BINSWANGER,
A. STEIN,
DAVID ADLER,
Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

MILWAUKEE, Wis., July 9, 1878.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Correspondence beg leave to report that they have examined the correspondence of the Union and letter-book of the Secretary.

It is our pleasure to state that we find the business of the Secretary, pertaining to the correspondence, kept in the best of order and regularity.

N. BLOOM, Chairman,
HENRY J. MESSING,
MARTIN BUTZEL,
DANIEL WOLF,
A. W. RICH,
Committee.

The Committee on Publications presented the following report, which, on motion, was received and adopted :

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report :

The only proposition that was laid before our Committee was from Rev. Dr. De Sola Mendes, of New York, who desires the aid of our Union toward the publication of a short rabbinical dictionary. There is not now a dictionary from the rabbinical languages into English in existence, and the use of some book of this sort will be needed in the higher classes of the College.

We can not upon short notice, and by the single page laid before us as a specimen, judge of the value of the Rev. Dr. De Sola Mendes' manuscript, and can not, therefore, recommend that this Council give any guarantee or subsidy to the author.

But we recommend that power be given to the Executive Board of the Union, after a thorough investigation of Rev. Dr. De Sola Mendes' work, through a committee of experts, to aid him in the publication of the work, if the Board see proper, to the extent of buying not exceeding one hundred copies, at a price of not exceeding three dollars a copy.

L. N. DEMBITZ, Chairman,
S. LEVYN,
J. CANTROVITZ,
EDWARD BLOCH,
B. FELSENTHAL,
Committee.

The following report from Special Committee C was read, and, on motion, received and adopted :

To the President and Members of the Fifth Annual Council :

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee, to whom was referred the following recommendation :

“ THE HEBREW YOUNG LADIES’ SEMINARY.

To bring into existence a well-appointed Hebrew Young Ladies’ Seminary should be one of the aims of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as it would, indeed, be a great blessing to give the daughters of Israel a favorable opportunity of obtaining a Hebrew and a classical education, including music and the arts.”

beg leave to report that we deem it for the present inexpedient to call such an institution into existence, but recommend that it shall be one of the aims of the Union to establish a Hebrew Young Ladies’ Seminary, as soon as the means at the command of the Union will permit.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOTH, Chairman.

B. HYSINGER,

DR. L. MAYER.

SOL. MOSSLER.

H. BLOCH.

Committee.

The following report from the same Committee was, on motion, received :

To the President and Members of the Fifth Annual Council :

GENTLEMEN :—Your Committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of agricultural pursuits, beg to report that we deem it of the highest importance to lead our people to agricultural occupation, and, therefore, recommend that three members of each of the Boards of Trustees of the Orphan Asylums of Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans and San Francisco, and three members of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, be appointed as a Board of Governors of the Hebrew Farming Colony, who shall solicit in their respective territories donations for the purchase of a tract of fertile land for practical farming purposes, where under their aid all such orphans who have reached the age of leaving the asylum may be sent to

become self-sustaining farmers, as also those Israelites who have lost the means of self-support may have the opportunity of earning their own living, and thus enjoy again one of the great blessings of life.

Respectfully submitted,
M. LOTH, Chairman,
B. HYSINGER,
DR. L. MAYER,
SOL. MOSSLER,
H. BLOCH,
Committee.

The Committee on Reports of Congregations presented the following report:

To the President and Members of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Statistics, beg leave to state that they have carefully considered the same, and, fully convinced of the importance of collecting correct statistical information, can not but recommend the said report to the attention of each and every member of the Council and bespeak for the work your hearty co-operation. Your Committee deemed the suggestions contained in the report, in the shape of resolutions, very timely, and therefore recommend their adoption. As but half of the appropriation voted last year for the purpose of gathering statistics has been expended, we would recommend the re-appropriation of the unexpended balance due the Committee on Statistics with the additional sum of \$125. The thanks of the Council, in the opinion of your Committee, are eminently due to the indefatigable Chairman and members of the Committee, and we recommend that they be tendered in appropriate form to the said gentlemen.

Your Committee have also considered the letter of the Evansville congregation, protesting against suspension for failure in meeting the obligation to send delegates to the Council. As the constitution, however, provides for such a suspension, your Committee can not take any action on the protest.

Your Committee have also considered the matter of the accounts between this Union and its members, and find that a large number of congregations are far from being prompt in meeting their financial obligations toward the Union. The congregations hereinafter named are delinquent, and subject to

suspension in accordance with the provisions of our Constitution:

Bnai Israel, Little Rock, Ark.
 Hebrew Zion, Shreveport, La.
 B'nai El, St. Louis, Mo.
 Anshe Chesed, Cleveland, O.
 Rodof Shalom, Petersburg, Va.
 Bene Shalom, Chicago, Ill.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGMUND MANN,
 S. FALK,
 M. ELLINGER,
 E. G. HIRSCH,
 JACOB EZEKIEL,
Committee.

On motion, the report was received and taken up for action *seriatim*. The several recommendations therein contained and the views expressed, were adopted.

A motion to defer action until 1879 upon the suspension of the congregations reported delinquent, was declared out of order by the President, from which decision an appeal was taken by Mr. Josiah Cohen, which appeal was subsequently withdrawn.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was, on motion, received and adopted:

HALL OF THE COUNCIL OF U. A. H. C., }
 MILWAUKEE, July 9, 1878. }

*To the President and Officers of the Fifth Annual Council,
 Union of American Hebrew Congregations:*

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Committee on Finance, appointed for the purpose of investigating the financial affairs of the Union and other matters referred to them, respectfully beg to report as follows:

While the Committee fully appreciate and favor the recommendation of President Loth in regard to College Grounds and Buildings, as well as the report of the same Committee on the same subject, they find those recommendations incompatible with the organic law at this present time, namely, the institution not having as yet the requisite amount of funds, viz., \$160,000, does not justify a venture in that direction at this time.

In reference to the Educational Aid Societies, this Committee heartily concur with the suggestions made by President Loth in his annual report, and they believe, in addition, that if the presidents of the various congregations would appeal to the ladies to increase their membership, such an organization would soon form the nucleus of a large fund for this very commendable object. In order that such a systematic effort in that direction may at once be made, this Committee recommend that this Council request the presidents of the various congregations (members thereof) to encourage this object with all the zeal in their power.

The receipts and disbursements as reported by the Secretary, together with the balances reported on hand by the former Treasurer, tally with the report of the present Treasurer; also the disbursements with the vouchers on hand.

We find the balance of cash reported on hand in the General and Sinking Funds to be correct.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC LESEM, Chairman,

LEWIS SEASONGOOD,

L. M. HELLMAN,

EM. WERTHEIMER,

G. S. ENSEL,

Committee.

Mr. S. Mann proposed the following, which was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, Information has been received of the death of the child of Rev. Dr. Hahn, a representative to this Council, from the congregation Tifereth Israel, of Cleveland; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we sympathize with the reverend Doctor in his affliction.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon our minutes, and a copy thereof sent to the Rev. Dr. Hahn.

At the request of the President, Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch offered prayer, and thereupon, on motion, the Council adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 10, 1878.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. President Adam A. Kramer in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Reports of Congregations was again taken up, and the President declared the following congregations therein named as delinquent, suspended from membership in the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Bnai Israel, Little Rock, Ark.

Hebrew Zion, Shreveport, La.

Bnai El, St. Louis, Mo.

Anshe Chesed, Cleveland, Ohio.

Rodef Sholom, Petersburg, Va.

Bene Sholom, Chicago, Ill.

The following report and accompanying memorial were presented and read :

The Special Committee B would beg to submit the following to the consideration of the Council :

WHEREAS, According to the President's report, "circuit preaching" has found no response at the hands of the small communities ; therefore, be it

Resolved. That "circuit teaching" be established as per memorial of Rev. H. Gersoni.

Resolved, That action be taken forthwith upon this point, and that the teachers, who may be engaged in the services of the Union as per above said memorial, be instructed to act as agents for the Union, and to preach occasionally, if especially invited by the communities of his district to do so ; and, be it further

Resolved, That at the engagement of such teachers, they should emphatically and distinctly be instructed to direct their attention especially to the establishment of religious schools.

MAX SAMFIELD,
HENRY GERSONI,
MOSES MARKS,
JOSEPH WOLFORT,

Committee.

MEMORIAL ACCOMPANYING THE FOREGOING REPORT.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

May it please the Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to take notice of the following statement:

1. The small communities of Israelites in country towns, which can not afford to organize into congregations and to engage the services of ministers, have no one to represent their racial interests before the public ;

2. They are deprived of religious consolation, they do not feel the tie which unites them with the rest of their brethren, and, what is worse, they have not the means to impart to their children the knowledge of their religion and their history ;

3. The results are, that such communities feel themselves isolated from the interests of their brethren ; they become callous and indifferent to Judaism ; the juniors are misled by the sophistries which are antagonistic to religion, and the children grow up under such evil influences, without knowledge of, or sympathy for, their religion and their people.

To remedy this evil, propositions have been made through the press that "circuit preachers" be engaged by the Union to visit such small communities, alternately, a few times during the year. It seems, however, that this measure would not cover the demands of the situation, for the following reasons :

1. Three or four orations on Judaism (even if they should be of a high order) may rouse the sentiments of some in favor of their religion for the time being, but they can hardly make a lasting impression to resist the habits of every-day life and the demands and influences of circumstances.

2. Circuit preaching will necessarily involve some expenses on the small communities, and will in time be considered a burden ; it may also be productive of effects contrary to those which are desired, if the preacher should not be a man of the purest motives, high moral standing, disinterested and of good social qualities.

3. And should all these difficulties be overcome, "circuit preaching" will at the best benefit only the grown people, while the children, who do not understand sermons, will remain uncared for as regards their religious training.

Therefore, be it proposed :

1. *That the Union of American Hebrew Congregations engage circuit teachers to establish religious schools for the Jewish children of small Jewish communities.*

2. *That a Standing Committee be appointed to frame regu-*

lations for such district teachers, to be guided by, and to stipulate their privileges and duties according to their respective abilities and activity; and,

3. *That as soon as the Committee will agree upon and recommend to the Board of the Union a schedule of regulations as to the duties of such district teachers, one or more of such teachers shall be engaged forthwith to commence operations in the respective districts, which will be appointed for them by next fall.*

By the appointment of *district teachers*, the practical demands of the small communities will be cared for, while none of the disadvantages which may accrue from circuit preaching will be risked. The rising generation will learn their religious duties, and the seniors will be strengthened in faith through their own children, and at the same time they will feel the influence and the beneficial forethought of the union of their brethren.

MILWAUKEE, Tuesday, July 9, 1878.

HENRY GERSONI.

The report was, on motion, received and taken up for action. Mr. A. W. Rich moved to adopt the report. Mr. S. Levyn moved to limit debate upon this question to five minutes, which motion was lost.

Telegrams were read from Mr. M. S. Isaacs, President of the Board of Delegates, and from Mr. Simon Wolf, congratulating the Council on its progress toward Union.

A vote was then taken upon the motion of Mr. A. W. Rich to adopt the report of Special Committee B, and the motion was lost.

Mr. Moritz Loth proposed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to engage a minister at a fixed salary, whose duty it shall be to organize Sabbath-schools in small congregations, and to preach every Sabbath in some of those congregations, and to organize Ladies' Educational Aid Societies, and also to solicit donations to the Sinking Fund of the Hebrew Union College.

The previous question was demanded and carried.

The vote then recurring upon the resolution of Mr. Loth, it was lost.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Abraham, the entire subject of circuit preaching and teaching was ordered to be referred to a

Special Committee of three, to report to this Council. The President appointed as the Committee, Mr. Joseph Abraham, Dr. E. G. Hirsch and Dr. S. H. Sonneschein.

Messrs. W. B. Hackenburg, M. Sulzberger and M. Ellinger, as a Committee from the Board of Delegates of American Israelites to this Council, reported verbally that congregations in Eastern cities, with an aggregate membership of about two thousand, had signified their intention to become members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and that this number would be largely augmented before the meeting of the next Council.

Special Committee A presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—We, your Special Committee A, to whom was referred:

First—So much of President Loth's report as refers to the Board of Delegates;

Second—The revised Constitution and By-Laws contained in the report of the Secretary;

Third—A communication from M. Loth, President of the Executive Board—

beg leave to report:

That Eastern Congregations, with a membership of two thousand, having actually joined the Union, the alterations to the Constitution and By-Laws made contingent on that condition be hereby declared to go into force and immediate effect.

Your Committee also beg leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following changes in the Constitution:

The Preamble is to read as follows:

The congregations represented in this convention, in faithful attachment to the sublime principles of Judaism and in consciousness of Israel's sacred duties, feel impressed with the conviction that, in order to discharge these obligations more effectually, a closer union of the congregations is necessary. To this end, under the protection of benign Providence and the laws of our country, we hereby establish this Union of the American Israelites, as set forth in the following:

Article II., Section 1, to be amended and read as follows:

The object of the Union is—

A.—To establish and maintain institutions for instruction in the

higher branches of Hebrew literature and Jewish theology, with the necessary preparatory schools in such cities of those States as may hereafter be designated.

B.—To establish relations with kindred organizations in other parts of the world, for the relief of the Jews from political oppression, and for rendering them such aid for their intellectual elevation as may be within the reach of this Union.

C.—To promote the religious instruction of the young by the training of competent teachers, and generally encourage the study of the Scriptures.

All this, however, without interfering in any manner whatsoever with the worship, the schools, or any other of the congregational institutions.

Section 2, Article II., to be stricken out ; it being already embodied in the foregoing Section.

Article IV., Section 2, as amended, shall read as follows:

Each congregation shall elect and be entitled to one representative to the Council, and one additional for every twenty-five contributing members above twenty-five. At all elections of officers, the representative or representatives of any congregation present at a meeting of the Council shall be permitted to cast the votes of the absent representatives of such congregations, to which their respective congregations are entitled.

Article IV., Section 4, as amended, shall read as follows:

The Council shall meet in regular session, biennially, on the second Tuesday in July, at the place designated in the last meeting of that body, of which time and place the congregations shall be duly notified, the first meeting hereunder shall be held in the year 1879. The Executive Board may, however, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof, call a special meeting of the Council at such time and place as they may designate.

Article V., Section 1, as amended, shall read as follows:

The Council shall, at its biennial meeting, elect by ballot thirty members, to be styled the Executive Board, whose seat shall be in the city of Cincinnati, fifteen of whom at the time of their election shall be residents of any of the following States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, while the other fifteen shall be selected from residents of the rest of the States and Territories, and all vacancies occurring in the Board shall be filled by the remaining members thereof, in accordance with the provisions of this section. At the meeting of the Council in 1878 twenty members of the Executive Board shall be elected, and the elections in

this section, hereinbefore provided for, shall not be held until the year 1879.

Article V., Section 2, as amended, shall read as follows :

The Executive Board shall meet immediately after its election by the Council at the place where the latter held its session, and semi-annually thereafter, in the months of January and July when no regular meeting of the Council shall take place, at such place as shall have been designated by them the previous meeting, and sixteen of their number shall form a quorum.

Article VI., Section 1, as amended, shall read as follows:

The first of the scholastic institutions provided for in Article II., Section 1, of this Constitution, shall be styled the "Hebrew Union College," and shall be permanently located in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Article VI., Section 4, as amended, shall read as follows :

All moneys contributed to the indigent students' fund of the Hebrew Union College shall be subject to the disposal of the Board of Governors for the purpose for which they were given, and without requiring the appropriation of the same by the Executive Board.

Article VI., Sections 13 to 15 inclusive, to be struck out and the following inserted instead :

A commission of competent scholars shall be appointed by the Council, who shall devise the necessary plans of instruction for all the institutions under the control of the Union, fix the standards of admission, promotion and conferring of degrees, and to be consulted in regard to any change that may become necessary from time to time. This commission shall report to the next Council, and their recommendations shall become law, after being declared so in conformity with the existing laws and regulations of the Union ; up to that time the provisions of Sections 13 to 15 inclusive shall remain in force.

Article VI., Section 16, as amended, shall read as follows :

The Board of Governors shall enact a code of laws, on the basis of the foregoing organic provisions, for the general internal government of the College, and the establishment of a Faculty.

Article VIII., Section 2, as amended, shall read as follows :

The funds, as deposited by provision of the preceding section, shall remain intact until the same shall amount to sixty thousand dollars, when the income arising therefrom shall be employed by the Executive Board for the establishment and maintenance of the Hebrew Union College, and whenever the funds shall amount to one hundred and sixty thousand dollars as the

minimum endowment, one hundred thousand thereof shall be placed to the credit of the Council, who shall employ the same for the erection or purchase of a college edifice, if necessary—provided, however, that the said sixty thousand dollars shall forever remain intact as a sinking fund, the income of which to be used as above provided.

The following, Section 3, is added:

Any proposition contemplating the establishment of any additional college shall be submitted in writing to the Executive Board, who shall lay the same before the next Council, but no final action shall be taken on it before the expiration of one year from the date of the presentation.

Article X., Section 1, as amended, shall read as follows:

The provisions of this Constitution shall not be amended either by repeal, alteration or addition, unless such amendment shall be proposed to the Executive Board, which shall submit the same to the first meeting of the Council, after a printed copy thereof shall have been sent to every member of the last Council, whereupon, if passed by the Council by a vote of three-fourths of its members present and voting, the same shall become a part of this Constitution.

Your Committee also begs leave to report and recommend the adoption of the following changes in the By-Laws:

Article II., Section 2, to be stricken out.

Should these recommendations be adopted, we recommend that a Committee be appointed to examine all the articles and sections of the Constitution and By-Laws not mentioned in this report, with a view to ascertain whether any verbal changes have become necessary thereby, and report to this Council.

All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

JULIUS FREIBERG,
G. GOTTHEIL,
SOLOMON LEVI,
ELIAS FRIEND,
ALBERT PEYSER,

Committee.

On motion, the report was received. Mr. Lewis Seasongood moved to have the report printed for the use of the Council.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer proposed a substitute for this motion, to take up the report for action *seriatim*, which prevailed.

The amendments to the preamble were adopted. Dr. B. Fel-

senthal moved to amend Art. II., Section 1, paragraph "C," by adding after the word "scriptures" the words "and of the tenets and history of Judaism," which amendment was adopted.

Dr. S. H. Sonneschein moved to amend paragraph "B," by striking out the words "Hebrew literature and," which amendment was lost. The section as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Joseph Abraham moved to strike out from Article IV., Section 2, all after the words "above twenty-five," which motion he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer moved to adopt the section as reported by the Committee.

Mr. S. Mann moved to amend by adding the words "provided that congregations entitled to but one representative may send proxies to persons not representatives from other congregations."

Mr. M. Loth moved a division of the question. Pending the discussion, the President ruled that the only question before the Council was the motion to divide, from which decision Mr. Joseph Abraham appealed to the Council.

The previous question was ordered, a vote then being had on the appeal, the decision of the President was sustained.

Mr. S. Mann's amendment was adopted.

Mr. Louis Krohn offered the motion "to strike out," being the motion previously offered by Mr. Joseph Abraham, pending which the Council took a recess until three o'clock, P. M.

The Council re-assembled at three o'clock, P. M., President Kramer in the Chair.

The Secretary announced that during the recess he had been handed the credentials of Mr. Lewis Frenkel, a representative from Congregation Shaarai Shomayim, of Mobile, Ala., a new addition to the membership of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The consideration of the report of Special Committee A was then resumed.

The previous question was demanded and ordered. Mr. Louis Krohn's motion to strike out was adopted.

Mr. M. Ellinger moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment offered by Mr. S. Mann was adopted, which was carried.

A motion to lay Mr. Mann's amendment on the table prevailed.

A motion was offered to adopt the remainder of the section.

The previous question was demanded and ordered.

The section as amended, being in the same form as recommended by the Executive Board, was then adopted.

On the vote to adopt Article IV., Section 4, the previous question was demanded. The Council refused to order the same.

Mr. Josiah Cohen moved to amend by striking out the word "biennially," and inserting in place thereof the word "triennially," which motion was lost.

The members of the General Committee of District Grand Lodge, No. 6, Independent Order Bnai Brith, were introduced and welcomed as visitors to the Council.

Dr. I. M. Wise proposed the following substitute and resolution to that portion of the report referring to Article VI., Sections 13 to 15.

The necessary plans of instruction for all the institutions under the control of the Union, the fixed standards of admission, promotion and conferring of degrees shall be established by the Council in 1879.

PROVISIONARY RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a Committee of five, who shall, previous to June, 1879, report to the Executive Board a code of laws and suggestions according to Section——, Article——, and the said report shall be embodied in the annual report of the Executive Board to the Council of 1879.

On motion of Mr. N. Bloom this part of the report was recommitted.

The entire report as amended, with the exception of that part which was recommitted, was then adopted.

Mr. Wm. B. Hackenburg moved to amend Article VII., Section 1, of the proposed revision of the Constitution, by substituting the words "Board of Delegates" in place of the word "Committee," which amendment was adopted.

The following report was presented and adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on Finance, finding in the report of the Secretary the amount of \$37,455, "subscriptions to the Sinking Fund not collected," would respectfully beg leave to recommend to this Council to instruct and impress upon the Executive Board the urgent necessity of immediately calling in the unpaid subscriptions to the Hebrew Union College.

ISAAC LESEM, Chairman,
LEWIS SEASONGOOD,
EM. WERTHEIMER,
GUSTAV S. ENSEL,
LOUIS M. HELLMAN,
Committee.

The President appointed Messrs. Josiah Cohen, A. Binswanger and M. Ellinger as the Committee to examine whether any changes are necessary in other parts of the revised Constitution and By-Laws, in consequence of the action of the Council on the report of Special Committee A.

On motion, the Council adjourned until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 11, 1878.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, President Kramer in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. B. Felsenthal.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following report from Special Committee A was presented and adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Special Committee A begs leave to recommend that in Article VI., Sections 13 to 15 inclusive, be struck out, and the following inserted instead:

A commission of nine competent scholars shall be appointed by the Council at each meeting thereof, who shall serve until the meeting of the next Council, who shall devise the necessary plans of instruction for all the institutions under the control of the Union, fix the standards of admission, promotion and conferring of degrees, and be consulted in regard to any change that may become necessary from time to time. This commission shall report to the next Council, and their recommendations shall become law, after being declared so in conformity with the existing laws and regulations of the Union; up to that time the provisions of said Sections 13 to 15 inclusive shall remain in force. Should a vacancy occur in the commission, the President of the Board of Governors shall have power to fill the same.

JULIUS FREIBERG,
G. GOTTHEIL,
SOLOMON LEVI,
ELIAS FRIEND,
ALBERT PEYSER,

Committee.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer moved to appoint a Committee of three, to nominate the commission required by the adoption of the report of Special Committee A. The motion was adopted, and Mr. Wertheimer asking to be excused from serving on this Committee, the President appointed Messrs. Nathan Bloom, Henry Adler and Abraham Stein.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of circuit preaching and teaching, presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the memorial presented by Rev. H. Gersoni, and the subject treated of therein, beg to report that they have had the subject matter under consideration, and are impressed with the fact that there are a large number of our co-religionists, located in different towns and places, who have no means whatever of receiving Jewish instruction, and thereby the rising portion of such communities are in danger of being lost to Judaism; recognizing these facts, we deem it to be the absolute duty of this Council, so far as in its power lies, to remedy this admitted evil. We, therefore, recommend that this Council emphatically instruct the

Executive Board elect to ascertain where there be any of our people who have no instruction in Jewish tenets, and who are willing to receive the same, either as adults or children, and that such Executive Board shall, upon being notified of the places where such necessities exist, employ one or more suitable persons to impart such instructions from time to time, and inaugurate and carry out such measures as may conduce to the attainment of the desired ends; and furthermore, shall have authority to pay to such person or persons such remuneration for their services as the means at their disposal will permit, and shall also receive from all persons and places where such instruction shall be imparted, such amount as they are willing to contribute in aid of this object, and such moneys shall be appropriated in the aid of the aforesaid purposes.

JOSEPH ABRAHAM,
E. G. HIRSCH,
S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
Committee.

Mr. Lipman Levy moved to adopt the report.

Mr. Solomon Levi moved to amend the report by striking out all after the words "desired end," which amendment he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. L. N. Dembitz moved to amend the report by adding thereto, "that the Executive Board is authorized to spend within the ensuing year not less than \$1,500, nor more than \$2,500, to aid in the organization of circuits."

Mr. Wm. B. Hackenburg moved the previous question, which was sustained.

Mr. M. Ellinger raised a point of order that the objects mentioned in the report were not in conformity with the Constitution. The point of order was overruled by the President.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Dembitz was then voted on and lost.

The vote then recurring on the motion to adopt the report of the Committee, it was carried.

The following report was presented and adopted:

To the President and Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your Committee appointed to ascertain whether any verbal changes are necessary in the revised Constitution and By-Laws,

consequent upon the amendments offered by the Special Committee A and adopted, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Constitution and By-Laws, and recommend the insertion of the word "semi" before the word "annual" in Section 4, of Article V., of the Constitution.

This is the only change they deem themselves authorized to make under the resolution calling this Committee into being.

JOSIAH COHEN, Chairman,

A. BINSWANGER,

M. ELLINGER,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Wm. B. Hackenburg the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the Executive Board as amended by this Council, was then unanimously adopted, and declared by the President to be the law of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Abraham, the President was instructed to send a telegram to Mr. Myer S. Isaacs, President of the Board of Delegates, informing him of the adoption of the Constitution.

Dr. G. Gottheil proposed the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel, of New York, be adopted as one of the Preparatory Schools contemplated in Article II., Section 1., of the Constitution.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to examine into its workings, report on it to the Executive Board, and mature a plan for its support.

Resolved, That until the next Council, in 1879, the plans at present pursued in the school shall remain in force.

The following report was presented and adopted :

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Committee appointed on the subject of a Commission, beg leave to report the gentlemen hereinafter named, viz :

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, Cincinnati, O.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Cincinnati, O.

Rev. Dr. Morris Jastrow, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Mayer Sulzberger, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Dr. David Einhorn, New York City.

Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, Louisville, Ky.
 Mr. Lewis N. Dembitz, Louisville, Ky.
 Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, New York City.
 Rev. A. Moses, Mobile, Ala.

and beg to be discharged.

N. BLOOM,
 HENRY ADLER,
 A. STEIN,
Committee.

The following report was presented and adopted:

To the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

Your Special Committee beg leave to report :

In passing upon the recommendation of the examiners made to the Council this morning as to modifications of the course of study, we would state :

The examiners recommend that the time set apart for the study of Mishnah and Gemarah be reduced, and more hours be devoted to the Bible and to its language.

We concur in this view to the extent, that in the two lowest grades the Talmudic studies should be reduced to a minimum, so that the students may be well grounded in Bible and grammar before entering fully upon Talmudic studies.

Of the commentaries mentioned by the examiners, we can only join in recommending those going by the name of Mendelssohn's *Biurim* upon the Pentateuch, with the addition, possibly, of portions of Rashi.

We can not see any necessity for the immediate abolition of the *Mechilta* as one of the text-books, unless it should follow naturally from the abridgment of Talmudic studies in the lower grade.

We hope that if these views should meet the assent of this Council, the Board of Governors and Faculty will act upon them during the coming year. We expect that at the Council of 1879 a full report will be made by a commission covering the whole ground.

In conclusion we would say, that we feel gratified at the progress of the classes, as testified by the examiners.

MORITZ ELLINGER,
 L. N. DEMBITZ,
 G. GOTTHEIL,
 S. H. SONNESCHEIN,
 B. FELSENTHAL,
Committee.

The following resolutions offered by Mr. Jacob Ezekiel were adopted :

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and are hereby empowered to accept a donation of land in the city of Cincinnati, O., for college building purposes; or to purchase a site and erect suitable buildings for the Hebrew Union College, whenever the amount of money shall have been obtained for such purposes, in accordance with Article VIII. of the Constitution.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and are hereby empowered to create a "College Building Fund" in such manner as they may deem most advisable, not incompatible with the provisions of the Constitution.

Dr. E. B. M. Browne proposed the following resolutions, which were ruled out of order by the President.

Resolved, That a Committee of —— be appointed (provided the mover be not one of its members) to devise means for the creation of a "Union Prayer Book" for the use of Union congregations, at the option of said congregations, and which Union Prayer Book shall be the property of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and to be sold at cost price.

Resolved, That an amount of \$500 be offered for the prayer-book—the existing prayer-books included—this Council at its next annual meeting may choose to adopt.

A letter of congratulation was read from Mr. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal moved that the meeting of the Council in 1879 be held in the city of New York.

Mr. Emanuel Wertheimer moved to amend by making Pittsburg, Pa., the place of meeting.

Mr. Lewis Seasongood moved to substitute the city of Cincinnati.

Letters were read from the Governor of Georgia and the Mayor of Atlanta, inviting the Council to meet in 1879 in that city.

A vote being taken, the city of New York was selected as the place of meeting.

The President appointed Rev. Dr. Samuel Hirsch, of Philadelphia, Rev. Dr. L. Mayer, of Pittsburg, and Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, of Cincinnati, a Committee to examine the Preparatory

School of Temple Emanuel, New York, in accordance with the resolution of Dr. Gottheil.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein offered the following, which was, on motion, laid on the table :

Resolved, That the Council of American Hebrew Congregations recommend to all the congregations, which are members of the Union, to hold a special service of thanks on the coming "Sabbath Nachmu," in commemoration of the happy event of the complete Union effected by this *Fifth* Council of American Hebrew Congregations, held in this city of Milwaukee.

Mr. Lewis Seasongood offered the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, That this Council express its heartfelt thanks, and recognize to the fullest extent the many kindnesses and hospitalities tendered to its members and ladies by the efficient Committee of Arrangements, and to our brethren of Milwaukee generally, for their uniform kindness and attention during our sojourn in their beautiful city.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are eminently due and hereby tendered to the press of the city of Milwaukee, for the full, fair and comprehensive reports of the proceedings of this Convention.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by the Chair to nominate members for the Executive Board.

The President appointed as the Committee, Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil, Messrs. Sigmund Mann, Elias Friend and Isaac Lesem.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Huebsch, of New York ; Rev. Dr. Hahn, of Cleveland, Ohio ; and Rev. Dr. Felsenthal, of Chicago, be appointed Examiners of the Hebrew Union College for the annual examination of 1879.

Mr. Josiah Cohen offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are hereby tendered to Adam A. Kramer, Esq., for the able and impartial man-

ner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this meeting.

Mr. Albert Peyser offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Council are due and are hereby tendered to the officers of this Council, for the faithful performance of their several duties.

Special Committee C presented the following report, which was, on motion, laid on the table:

To the President and Members of the Fifth Annual Council:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee, to whom the subject that “every Israelite is to be a member of a congregation” was referred, beg to report:

That in order to spread the spiritual light of our religion among all the Israelites of the United States, it is essential to induce them to become members of congregations and attend the Sabbath and festive services; not only would this be beneficial in a spiritual point of view, but also aid in the material prosperity of the congregations, as a large membership would have the tendency to reduce dues of membership, which would be of vast benefit to the members and the congregations as well. In view of these great benefits to be derived by having every Israelite to be a member of a congregation, we respectfully recommend that the Board of Trustees of every congregation, who are members of the Union, instruct their respective rabbis, before performing the ceremony of marriage, to request the husband-elect to become a member of a congregation, and if that Israelite refuses to do so, the rabbi is to ascertain the reason of his declining and to state the same to the Board of Trustees, who shall take such action thereon as they in their judgment may deem best. We further recommend, that every father and mother in Israel shall extend their parental influence to induce their children to attend divine service, and at a proper age to become members of a congregation. We further recommend that every employer shall give his employes the opportunity to visit the house of worship on the Sabbath, and, if possible, to become members of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOTH, Chairman,
H. BLOCH,
SOL. MOSSLER,
DR. L. MAYER,
Committee.

On motion, the Committee on College Buildings and Grounds, appointed by the Fourth Council, was discharged.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. M. Loth, was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That every father and mother in Israel shall extend their parental influence to induce their children to attend divine service, and at a proper age, to become members of congregations.

It is also recommended to the employers to give their employes the opportunity to visit the house of worship on the Sabbath, and, if possible, to become members of the congregation.

An invitation to visit Emanuel Episcopal Church was received and accepted.

Mr. Lipman Levy presented his resignation as a member of the Executive Board, which was, on motion, accepted.

The Committee appointed to nominate candidates for members of the Executive Board, presented the following names :

Moritz Loth,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Julius Freiberg,	" "
Solomon Levi,	" "
Adam A. Kramer,	" "
Alexander Strauss,	" "
Henry Adler,	" "
Lewis Seasingood,	" "
William Goodheart,	" "
Adolph L. Sanger,	New York City.
Moritz Ellinger,	" "
Abraham Simon,	" "
Samuel M. Cohen,	" "
William B. Hackenburg,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Emanuel Wertheimer,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Magnus Butzel,	Detroit, Mich.
Lewis N. Dembitz,	Louisville, Ky.
Sigmund Mann,	Cleveland, O.
Isaac Lesem,	Quincy, Ill.
Elias Friend,	Milwaukee, Wis.
L. M. Hellman,	St. Louis, Mo.
Augustus Binswanger,	" "

There being no other candidates, the Secretary was, on motion, instructed to cast a ballot for the candidates nominated by the Committee, which being done, they were declared duly elected.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, whereupon, on motion, the President declared the Fifth Council adjourned, *sine die*.



ADAM A. KRAMER,
President.

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

BENJAMIN M. WEIL,
Ass't Secretary.

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1878.

a. Not reported.

<i>Number.</i>	<i>Name of Congregation.</i>	<i>Where Located.</i>	<i>State.</i>	<i>Minister.</i>	<i>President.</i>	<i>Secretary.</i>
1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Mr. Wm. Loewenberg.....	Marcus Koch.....	Joel H. Steinberg...
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.....	Rev. Falk Vidaver.....	B. Baum.....	A. Loewenthal.....
3	Benai Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise.....	Nathan'l Newburgh.....	Frederick Rauh.....
4	Benai Sholem.....	Quincy.....	Ill.....	Rev. Isaac S. Moses.....	Isaac Lesem.....	Jacob Bernheimer..
5	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. E. K. Fisher.....	A. Lesser.....	Louis Stern.....
6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.....	Rev. David Greenebaum.....	M. Kaufman.....	L. Weixelbaum.....
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Samuel Eppstein.....	Henry Marks.....	Moses Bing, Jr.....
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.....	Rev. L. Liebman.....	A. Schwab.....	L. Hirschberg.....
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.....	Julius Freiberg.....	A. Abraham.....
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.....	Rev. M. Samfield.....	G. H. Judah.....	Samuel Hirsch.....
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch.....	Levi Bamberger.....	Samuel Henle.....
12	Indianapolis Hebrew..	Indianapolis.....	Ind.....	Rev. Morris Messing.....	Herm. Bamberger.....	Abraham Lang.....
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.....	Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf.....	Martin Butzel.....	M. C. Fechtelmeier..
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. S. S. Kohn.....	Lewis Newburger.....	L. N. Deubitz.....
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.....	Rev. N. D. Benson.....	Solomon Block.....	Joseph Levy.....
16	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	Rev. E. M. Rosenfelder.....	Samuel Ullman.....	S. L. Benjamin.....
17	Bnai Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. J. S. Goldammer.....	A. Rosenteld.....	M. Levy.....
18	Adath Israel.....	Alexandria.....	La.....	Mr. Marx Klein.....	E. Weil.....	Salomon Mayer.....
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. A. Hahn.....	J. Rohrheimer.....	Gerson Strauss.....
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	Rev. Alex. Rosenspitz.....	Max Sax.....	Simon Weil.....
21	Ohavia Sholom.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.....	Rev. A. Wendel.....	A. Friedlich.....	Henry Flesch.....
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	Rev. B. A. Bonnheim.....	Judah Nusbaum.....	I. M. Schlesinger...
23	Bnai Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	Rev. Joseph Bogen.....	Maier Spiesberger.....	J. Spiesberger.....
24	Bene Israel.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.....	Rev. M. Strauss.....	Jacob Jelenko.....	Jonas Freundlich...
25	Beneh Israel.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.....	Rev. S. Gerstman.....	Ferd. Westheimer.....	Moses Frank.....
26	Adath Joseph.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	Rev. David Levy.....	Philip Wineman.....	Nathaniel Levin.....
27	Beth Elohim.....	Wabash.....	Ind.....	Rev. F. Becker.....	J. Staedecher.....	Henry Herfi, Sr.....
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31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.....	Rev. A. R. Levy.....	L. Frank.....	J. Frank.....
32	Benai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Mo.....	Rev. David Burghelm.....	Joseph Cahn.....	Chas. Dobrner.....
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wis.....	Mr. A. Patz.....	B. L. Strouse.....	Joseph Gutman.....
34	Meadville Hebrew Soc.	Meadville.....	Pa.....	none	S. Hilbroner.....	M. H. Reifer.....
35	Anabai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	Rev. Henry Bloch.....	John Korsosky.....	L. Loewenthal.....
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Ind.....	none	S. Gimbel.....	Moritz Baawitz.....
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Ill.....	Rev. Dr. L. Adler.....	M. M. Gerstley.....	Ben. W. Eisendrath
38	Benai Israel.....	Nachitoches.....	La.....	a	Levi Cohen.....	Isaac Jac:b.....
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.....	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne	a	M. Teitelbaum.....
40	Benai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	Rev. F. Shauer.....	Isaac Kuhn.....	Max Schloss.....
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Ind.....	none	a	S. Lowenbaum.....
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.....	Rev. Emanuel Gerechter	Joseph Houseman	L. Hirsch.....
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Miss.....	Rev. B. H. Gotthelf.....	Isaac Brown.....	Louis M. Brock.....
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Samson Falk.....	Leopold Schwartz.....	Henry Rosenberg.....
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. L. Mayer.....	E. Wertheimer.....	Isaac Deutsch.....
49	Ahavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Ind.....	Rev. Marcus Bonheim.....	S. N. Ullman.....	M. P. Strauss.....
50	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. H. Wolf.....	Samuel Levy.....	M. Schloss.....
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Isaac Stemple.....	S. J. Eichelstein.....	Philip Myerson.....
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Ind.....	Rev. Edward Rubin.....	Marx Frank.....	A. M. Cohen.....
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	a	a	H. M. Oberndorfer.....
56	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wis.....	Rev. Dr. M. Spitz.....	David Adler.....	G. H. Lesser.....
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian.....	Miss.....	Rev. S. Weinstein.....	A. Klein.....	Simon Ezekiel.....
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. M. Elkin.....	Isaac S. Cohen.....	Abe Titche.....
60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Miss.....	none	L. T. Newman.....	H. Sommers.....
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.....	Rev. L. Stern.....	Henry Strauss.....	N. L. Holstein.....
63	Akron Hebrew Ass'n.....	Akron.....	Ohio.....	Rev. A. Schreier.....	S. B. Hopfman.....	Adolph Adler.....
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.....	Rev. L. Stern.....	Henry Adler.....	

66	Knoxville Heb. Benev.	Knoxville	Va.....	none	Rev. Dr. A. Hoffman.....	E. Samuel.....	F. Heart.....
67	Beth Ababa.....	Richmond	Tenn....		Rev. Dr. A. Hoffman.....	Moses Millhiser.....	Moses Hutzler.....
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma.....	Ala.....		Rev. G. L. Rosenberger.....	Joseph Meyer.....	Adolph Jacobson.....
69	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston.....	Texas....		Rev. Dr. A. Blum.....	M. Kopperl.....	I. Lovenberg.....
70	Beth Israel.....	Houston.....	Texas....			Sol. Rosenfield.....	M. Raphael.....
71	Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff.....	Ark.....		Rev. M. Greenblatt.....	Jacob Bloom, Sr.....	Sol. Meyer, Jr.....
72	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester.....	N. Y.....		Rev. Dr. V. Kundbaken.....	M. Greentree.....	Isaac Rosenbaum.....
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc.	Victoria.....	Texas....		none	G. A. Levi.....	Simon Levi.....
74	Hebrew Benev. Ass'n..	Farmerville.....	La.....		none	H. Brown.....	Theo Weiss.....
76	Progress Association...	Oil City.....	Pa.....	a		L. Bondheim.....	J. Levine.....
77	Bnai Zion.....	Titusville.....	Pa.....	a		A. Meyers.....	M. Sander.....
78	Beth El.....	Helena.....	Ark.....	none		Samuel Woolner.....	A. Hyman.....
79	Anshi Chesed.....	Bay City.....	Mich....	a		B. Hysinger.....	Gabriel Meiers.....
80	Beth Israel.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	none	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein	Isaac Krotosky.....	I. Koperlick.....
81	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....		Rev. Charles Austrian ..	G. Feitel.....	Moses Hirshler ..
82	Oheb Zedek.....	Pottsville.....	Pa.....		Rev. Sopha.....	Michael Frank.....	A. Levy.....
83	Bickur Cholim.....	Donaldsonville..	La.....		Rev. J. P. Gutheim.....	S. Rosenwald.....	Ferdinand Marks..
84	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans.....	La.....		Rev. B. Deutsch.....		S. Hammerslough..
85	Brith Sholem.....	Springfield.....	Ill.....	a		B. W. Wise.....	Abe W. Wise.....
87	Ohaveh Sholom.....	Summit.....	Miss....		Mr. Abraham Newman...	B. Silbernagel, Jr...	Aug. Simon.....
88	Bnai Sholem.....	Huntsville.....	Ala.....	none		M. Meyers.....	S. Sloman.....
89	Bnai Sholem.....	Pastrop.....	La.....		Rev. G. Jacob.....	M. Eppstein.....	Albert Abel.....
90	Children of Israel.....	Athens.....	Ga.....		Rev. Marx Moses.....	Moses Selig.....	Emanuel Levy.....
91	Emanu El.....	Denver.....	Col.....		Rev. Dr. Elkan Cohn ..	H. Green.....	M. Noot.....
92	Emanu El.....	San Francisco....	Cal.....		Rev. Jacob Voorsanger...	L. Brash.....	S. Trostler.....
93	Sons of Israel.....	Providence.....	R. I.....		Rev. D. Stern.....	B. Cohen.....	A. Gershon.....
94	Israel.....	Omaha.....	Neb....		Rev. Henry J. Messing ..	Samuel Vendig.....	Moses Reinhard.....
95	United Hebrew.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....		Rev. George Jacobs.....		
96	Beth El Emeth.....	Philadelphia ..	Pa.....		Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil		
97	Emanuel.....	New York.....	N. Y.....		Rev. Dr. Ad. Huebsch...	a	a
98	Beth El.....	New York.....	N. Y.....		Rev. Adolph Moses.....	Adolph Proskauer..	A. Baerman
99	Shaavai Shomayim.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....				

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a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	When Organized.	No of Contributing Members.	Estimated value of Real Estate, exclusive of Burial Grounds.	Expenses for past Year—Erection of Buildings not included.	No. of Children attending Sabbath-School.
1	Abavath Achin.	Cincinnati	Ohio	1849	40	10000 00	3200 00	45
2	Benai Israel	Evansville	Indiana	1857	60	20000 00	3100 00	100
3	Bnai Jeshurun	Cincinnati	Ohio	1841	200	20000 00	18000 00	235
4	Bnai Sholom	Quincy	Illinois	1864	42	25000 00	3000 00	80
5	Bene Jeshurun	Dayton	Ohio	1851	30	10000 00	1650 00	65
6	Ohev Zedukah	Springfield	Ohio	1867	12	none	700 00	12
7	Sherith Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio	1858	50	10000 00	3000 00	120
8	Rodef Sholem	Youngstown	Ohio	1867	20	none	1200 00	25
9	Bene Israel	Cincinnati	Ohio	1823	185	160000 00	13000 00	200
10	Children of Israel	Memphis	Tennessee	1852	104	25000 00	6000 00	141
11	Adath Israel	Louisville	Kentucky	1840	170	100000 00	12000 00	200
12	Indianapolis Hebrew	Indianapolis	Indiana	1856	50	25000 00	2500 00	85
13	Beth El	Detroit	Michigan	1850	84	21000 00	5411 54	140
14	Beth Israel	Louisville	Kentucky	1856	80	8000 00	1900 00	60
15	Beth El Emeth	Camden	Arkansas	1870	15	5000 00	1500 00	22
16	Bnai Israel	Natchez	Mississippi	1843	30	25000 00	1000 00	52
17	Adath Israel	Owensboro	Kentucky	1861	17	5000 00	1000 00	40
18	Gemilas Chasodim	Alexandria	Louisiana	1853	42	4000 00	1000 00	40
19	Tifereth Israel	Cleveland	Ohio	1850	75	12000 00	5000 00	86
20	Ohavia Sholom	Nashville	Tennessee	1854	40	40000 00	4000 00	75
21	Anshe Emeth	Piqua	Ohio	1858	12	none	75 00	none
22	Bnai Israel	Columbus	Ohio	1868	45	15000 00	2567 43	75
23	Bene Israel	Keokuk	Iowa	1863	22	none	1150 00	29
24	Beneh Israel	Charleston	West Virginia	1873	19	2000 00	900 00	20
25	Adath Joseph	St. Joseph	Missouri	1857	40	12000 00	2500 00	65
26	Beth Elohim	Charleston	South Carolina	1750	52	30000 00	4350 69	103
27	Rodef Sholem	Wabash	Indiana	1873	20	none	700 00	35
28	Keneseth Israel	Zanesville	Ohio	1871	16	400 00	650 00	20

32	Bnai Jehudah	Kansas City	Missouri	1870	38	\$ 6000 00	\$ 2500 00	52
33	Anshe Chesed	La Crosse	Wisconsin	1837	18	500 00	150 00	30
34	Meadville Hebrew Soc'y	Meadville	Pennsylvania	1863	24	none	a	none
35	Anshai Emeth	Peoria	Illinois	1863	16	5000 00	1700 00	42
36	Bnai Israel	Vincennes	Indiana	1867	14	none	134 73	none
37	Anshe Mayriv	Chicago	Illinois	1847	122	20000 00	9754 00	87
38	Benai Israel	Natchitoches	Louisiana	1871	a	a	a	a
39	Hebrew Benevolent	Atlanta	Georgia	1846	40	a	2000 00	90
40	Bnai Yeshurun	Des Moines	Iowa	1873	20	none	680 00	none
41	Or Zion	Peru	Indiana	1874	a	a	a	a
42	Emanuel	Grand Rapids	Michigan	1872	27	none	1800 00	30
43	Anshe Chesed	Vicksburg	Mississippi	1841	50	20000 00	3500 00	100
46	Temple Beth Zion	Buffalo	New York	1864	76	35000 00	7500 00	120
47	Rodef Sholem	Pittsburgh	Pennsylvania	1857	79	20000 00	5900 00	150
49	Ahavas Achim	Lafayette	Indiana	1842	31	5000 00	1200 00	42
50	Benai Israel	Hamilton	Ohio	1867	12	300 00	500 00	27
51	Bene Abraham	Portsmouth	Ohio	1858	15	3000 00	1100 00	12
52	Achdus Vesholom	Fort Wayne	Indiana	1848	48	27000 00	1800 00	28
55	Beth El	San Antonio	Texas	1874	a	a	a	a
56	Emanu El	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	1869	71	50000 00	5000 00	67
57	Beth Israel	Meridian	Mississippi	1873	28	none	1620 00	30
58	House of Israel	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	1841	65	30000 00	5000 00	50
60	Gemilas Chasodim	Port Gibson	Mississippi	1860	20	none	350 00	18
61	Mount Sinai	Georgetown	D. C.	1871	18	none	102 47	12
63	Akron Heb. Association	Akron	Ohio	1865	24	none	800 00	32
64	Washington Hebrew	Washington	D. C.	1855	85	20000 00	3300 00	130
66	Knoxville Heb. Benev't	Knoxville	Tennessee	1846	16	none	75 00	none
67	Beth Ababa	Richmond	Virginia	1840	48	10000 00	3723 43	168
68	Mishkan Israel	Selma	Alabama	1870	34	1500 00	1350 00	40
69	Bnai Israel	Galveston	Texas	1868	30	40000 00	4000 00	120
70	Beth Israel	Houston	Texas	1859	32	25000 00	1404 92	70
71	Anshe Emeth	Pine Bluff	Arkansas	1865	47	8000 00	2250 00	30
72	Etz Raanon	Rochester	New York	1870	26	none	1640 00	21
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc'y	Victoria	Texas	1867	22	none	244 00	23
74	Heb. Ben. Association	Farmerville	Louisiana	1874	21	none	a	a
76	Progress Association	Oil City	Pennsylvania	1872	a	a	a	a
77	Bnai Zion	Titusville	Pennsylvania	1870	a	a	a	a

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78	Beth El	Helena	Arkansas	1875	23	none	a	none
79	Anshi Chesed	Bay City	Michigan	1870	a	a	a	a
80	Beth Israel	Peoria	Illinois	1874	14	4000 00	2000 00	20
81	Sh-a-re Emeth	St. Louis	Missouri	1869	200	100000 00	11522 76	150
82	Oheb Zedeck	Pottsville	Pennsylvania	1856	16	10000 00	1200 00	30
83	Bickur Cholim	Donaldsonville	Louisiana	1849	25	3000 00	500 00	32
84	Temple Sinai	New Orleans	Louisiana	1870	140	150000 00	15000 00	200
85	B'rith Sholem	Springfield	Illinois	a	22	7000 00	900 00	45
87	Ohaveh Sholem	Summit	Mississippi	1877	a	a	a	a
88	Bnai Sholem	Huntsville	Alabama	1876	18	none	287 00	12
89	Bnai Sholem	Bastrop	Louisiana	1877	15	750 00	25 00	12
90	Children of Israel	Athens	Georgia	1873	16	1000 00	100 00	23
91	Emanu El	Denver	Colorado	1874	36	6000 00	2500 00	38
92	Emanu El	San Francisco	California	a	274	200000 00	26206 85	348
93	Sons of Israel	Providence	Rhode Island	1877	60	none	2500 00	65
94	Israel	Omaha	Nebraska	1871	20	none	a	20
95	United Hebrew	St. Louis	Missouri	1837	60	20000 00	4200 00	47
96	Beth El Emeth	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	1857	40	10000 00	5000 00	60
97	Emanuel	New York	N. Y.	a	a	a	a	a
98	Beth El	New York	N. Y.	a	a	a	a	a
99	Shaa'vai Shomayim	Mobile	Ala.	1844	65	7500 00	6000 00	70

Summary of Reports from 86 Congregations.

77 Congregations have 3,870 contributing members.
 9 " have not reported.

56 Congregations own real estate (exclusive of burial grounds), valued at \$1,579,950 00.
 20 " have no real estate except burial grounds.
 10 " have not reported.

73 Congregations had expenses during the past year (erection of buildings not included) amount-
 ing to \$238,454 82.
 13 Congregations have not reported.

70 Congregations have 4,963 children attending Sabbath-schools.
 6 " have no Sabbath-schools.
 10 " have not reported.

69 Congregations have ministers.
 11 " have no ministers.
 6 " have not reported.

THE UNION OF American Hebrew Congregations.

PROCEEDINGS — OF THE — SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE — COUNCIL, Held at New York City, July, 1879.

TUESDAY, July 8, 1879.

The Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations assembled at Standard Hall, at ten o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by Mr. Moritz Loth, President of the Executive Board.

The proceedings were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, of New York City.

Mr. Moritz Ellinger, of that city, in behalf of her citizens, delivered an address of welcome to the members of the Council.

On motion of Mr. M. A. Rosenblatt, of St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Simon Wolf, of Washington, D. C., was elected temporary Chairman, and assumed the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, of Cincinnati, O., Mr. Augustus Binswanger, of St. Louis, Mo., was elected temporary Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Messrs. Lipman Levy, Menko Stern, Levi Bamberger, Henry Abraham, Max L. Gutman and Myer S. Isaacs.

A motion by Mr. Joséph Abraham, to appoint a Committee on Permanent Organization, was adopted. The Chairman appointed the following as the Committee: Messrs. Joseph Abraham, Josiah Cohen, Sigmund Mann, Mayer Sulzberger and G. N. Herrman.

Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein being called upon, addressed the Council.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

The undersigned, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that the following delegates are entitled to seats in the Council:

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
1. Ahavath Achim,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Joel H. Steinberg,
2. Bene Israel,	Evansville, Ind.,	Leopold Lowenthal,
		August Brentano.
3. Bene Yeshurun,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Moritz Loth,
		Bernhard Bettmann,
		Solomon Levi,
		A. J. Friedlander,
		William Goodheart,
		Lewis Heinsheimer,
		Frederick Rauh,
		Benjamin Simon,
		Edward Bloch,
		J. D. Levy,
4. Bnai Sholem,	Quincy, Ill.,	
5. Bene Yeshurun,	Dayton, Ohio.	
6. Ohev Zedukah,	Springfield, Ohio.	
7. Sherith Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Max Leon.
8. Rodef Sholem,	Youngstown, Ohio,	A. Schwab,
9. Bene Israel,	Cincinnati, Ohio,	Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal,
		Julius Freiberg,
		Lipman Levy,
		Abr. Hoffheimer,
		Adam A. Kramer,
		Edgar M. Johnson,
		Joseph Abraham,
		Jacob Ezekiel.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
10. Children of Israel,	Memphis, Tenn.,	Rev. M. Samfield, G. H. Judah, Jacob S. Menken, A. E. Frankland.
11. Adas Israel,	Louisville, Ky.,	S. Ullman, Nathan Bloom, Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch, Levi Bamberger, Samuel Henle, Julius Barkhouse.
12. Indi'polis Hebrew,	Indianapolis, Ind.,	Rev. M. Messing, Solomon Mossler.
13. Beth El,	Detroit, Mich.,	Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, Simon Heavenrich, Seligman Schloss.
14. Beth Israel,	Louisville, Ky.	
15. Beth El Emeth,	Camden, Ark.	
17. B'nai Israel,	Natchez, Miss.	
18. Adath Israel,	Owensboro, Ky.	
19. Chev.Gem.Chasodim,	Alexandria, La.	
20. Tifereth Israel.	Cleveland, Ohio,	Sigmund Mann, Jacob Mandelbaum.
21. Ohavai Sholem,	Nashville, Tenn.,	M. Fishel.
22. Anshe Emeth,	Piqua, Ohio.	
24. Children of Israel,	Augusta, Ga.	
25. Benai Israel,	Columbus, Ohio,	Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise.
26. Bene Israel,	Keokuk, Iowa,	Isaac M. Stern.
27. Beneh Israel,	Charleston, W. Va.,	Albert Peyser.
28. Adath Joseph,	St. Joseph, Mo.	
29. Beth Elohim,	Charleston, S. C.,	Rev. David Levy, Abraham Falk.
30. Rodef Sholem,	Wabash, Ind.	
31. Keneseth Israel,	Zanesville, Ohio.	
32. B'nai Jehudah,	Kansas City, Mo.,	Samuel M. Hyneman, Dr. Mark Blumenthal,
33. Anshe Chesed,	La Crosse, Wis.,	Isaac Cantrovitz.
34. Meadv'le Heb. Soc.,	Meadville, Pa.	

NAME OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAME OF DELEGATE.
35. Anshai Emeth.	Peoria, Ill.	
36. B'nai Israel,	Vincennes, Ind.,	Solomon Gimbel.
37. Anshe Mayriv,	Chicago, Ill.,	Lazarus Silverman, H. N. Hart, B. Lindauer.
38. Bnai Israel,	Natchitoches, La.	
39. Heb. Benevolent,	Atlanta, Ga.,	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne,
40. Bene Yeshurun,	Des Moines, Iowa.	
41. Or Zion,	Peru, Ind.	
42. Emanuel,	Grand Rapids, Mich.,	Henry Stix.
43. Anshe Chesed,	Vicksburg, Miss.,	Victor Brown.
46. Temple Beth Zion,	Buffalo, N. Y.,	Siegmund Levyn, Hiram Exstein.
47. Rodef Sholem,	Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Eman'l Wertheimer, Josiah Cohen, Jacob Klee.
49. Ahavas Achim,	Lafayette, Ind.	
50. Benai Israel,	Hamilton, Ohio,	Lewis N. Dembitz.
51. Bene Abraham,	Portsmouth, Ohio,	L. Eisman.
52. Achdus Vesholom,	Fort Wayne, Ind.	
55. Beth El,	San Antonio, Tex.,	B. Oppenheimer.
56. Emanu El,	Milwaukee, Wis.,	Rev. Isaac S. Moses, Marcus Heineman.
57. Beth Israel,	Meridian, Miss.	
58. House of Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Philip Lewin, Gus Rosenbaum.
60. Gemilas Chasodim,	Port Gibson, Miss.	
61. Mount Sinai,	Georgetown, D. C.	
63. Akron Heb. Ass'n,	Akron, Ohio.	
64. Washington Heb.,	Washington, D. C.,	Simon Wolf, Lewis Abraham, Charles Baum.
65. Rodef Sholem,	Petersburg, Va.	
66. Knoxville Hebrew,	Knoxville, Tenn.,	Rev. Henry Gersoni.
67. Beth Ahaba,	Richmond, Va.,	Gustavus Millhiser, W. Moultrie Moses, Moritz Meyer.
68. Mishkan Israel,	Selma, Ala.,	

Names of Congregations.	Where Located.	Names of Delegates.
69. B'nai Israel,	Galveston, Texas,	Leop. Oppenheimer, Julius Rosenfield.
70. Beth Israel,	Houston, Texas,	Adolph Harris.
71. Anshai Emeth,	Pine Bluff, Ark.,	Rev. Dr. Jacob Bloch.
72. Etz Raanon,	Rochester, N. Y.,	Rev. Max Moll.
73. Victoria Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Victoria, Tex.,	Leop. Oppenheimer.
74. Heb. Ben. Ass'n,	Farmerville, La.	
77. B'nai Zion,	Titusville, Pa.	
78. Beth El,	Helena, Ark.	
79. Anshi Chesed,	Bay City, Mich.	
80. Beth Israel,	Peoria, Ill.,	Solomon Bennett.
81. Shaare Emeth,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, Adolph Baer, Isaac Swope, B. Hysinger, M. A. Rosenblatt, August Frank, L. M. Hellman, A. Binswanger.
82. Oheb Zedek,	Pottsville, Pa.	
83. Bickur Cholim,	Donaldsonville, La.	
84. Temple Sinai,	New Orleans, La.,	Julius Weis, M. Frank, S. Katz, Jos. Simon, Henry Abraham.
85. Brith Sholem	Springfield, Ill.	
87. Ohaveh Sholem,	Summit, Miss.	
88. Bnai Sholem,	Huntsville, Ala.	
89. Bnai Sholem,	Bastrop, La.	
90. Children of Israel,	Athens, Ga.	
91. Emanuel,	Denver, Col.	
92. Emanu El,	San Francisco, Cal.	
93. Sons of Israel,	Providence, R. I.	
94. Israel,	Omaha, Neb.,	Meyer Hellman.
95. United Hebrew,	St. Louis, Mo.,	Rev. H. J. Messing, B. Cohen, Henry Lyon.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
96. Beth El Emeth,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	W. B. Hackenburg.
97. Emanu El,	New York, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil, Louis May, Jacob Goldsmith, S. H. Eckman, Moses Schloss, Lazarus Rosenfeld, S. M. Cohen, Wm. Sulzbacher, Seligman Adler, A. J. Dittenhofer, David L. Einstein, Emanuel Lehman, G. M. Lewentritt, Myer Stern, Abraham Stern, Joseph Loth, Adolph L. Sanger, Jesse Seligman.
98. Beth El,	New York, N. Y.,	Ferdinand Kurzman, Moritz Ellinger, Joseph Strauss, Joseph L. Scherer, Louis Lewengood, Gerson N. Herrman, Henry Nordlinger, Marcus Berliner, Isaac Hamburger, Adolph Strauss, Isaac S. Young.
99. Shaarai Shomayim,	Mobile, Ala.,	Rev. Dr. A. Moses, Ephraim Newbrick.
100. Mt. Zion Hebrew,	St. Paul, Minn.	
101. Keneseth Israel,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	Rev. Dr. S. Hirsch, B. H. Feustman, Menko Stern, S. Silberman, M. M. Bayersdorfer, Morris Stern, Jacob May, D. Klein.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
102. Ahavas Chesed,	New York, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch, Louis Asch, Joseph Ropetzky, David Dinkelspiel, Joseph Stern, Ignatz Stern, Solomon Bondy.
103. Rodef Sholem,	Philadelphia, Pa.,	David Teller, Louis Lang, Mayer Sulzberger, Aaron Schloss, Mayer Frank, Leopold Hirsch, Isaac Nusbaum, Henry S. Louchheim.
104. Temple of Israel,	Wilmington, N. C.,	Alfred T. Jones.
105. B'nai Yeshurun,	New York, N. Y.,	Rev. H. S. Jacobs, Thomas H. Kersing, Jonas D. Samson, Leopold Haas, David Marks.
106. B'nai Israel,	Davenport, Iowa,	A. Moritz.
107. Anshe Emeth,	Albany, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. M. Schlesinger, S. W. Rosendale, Joseph Sporborg, Julius Lowenthal, Isaac Waldman.
108. Berith Kodesh,	Rochester, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. M. Landsberg, Max L. Gutmann, Rev. S. Manheimer.
109. Kahl Montgomery,	Montgomery, Ala.	
110. Yeshurun,	Paducah, Ky.	
111. Shaaray Tefilla,	Lynchburg, Va.,	Rev. George Jacobs,
112. Shaaray Tefilla,	New York, N. Y.,	Rev. F. DeSola Mendes, Benjamin J. Hart, Myer S. Isaacs, Leopold Cohn, Jacob S. Roder, Adolph Levy.

NAMES OF CONGREGATIONS.	WHERE LOCATED.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
113. Shangarai Chassed,	New Orleans, La.,	Rev. I. L. Leucht, Abraham Lehman.
114. Rodoph Sholom,	New York, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. A. Wise, Simon Goldsmith, Solomon Hyman, J. E. Newburger, H. Kohn.
115. Beth Israel,	Portland, Oregon.	
116. Society of Concord,	Syracuse, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. H. Birkenthal.
117. Beth Elohim,	Brooklyn, N. Y.,	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner, Moses Kessel, Jacob Ballin.
118. Beth Israel,	Hartford, Conn.,	S. Lorsch, Rev. E. M. Chapman.
Respectfully submitted,		LIPMAN LEVY, MENKO STERN, L. BAMBERGER, HENRY ABRAHAM, MAX L. GUTMANN, M. S. ISAACS,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following nominations:

For President, MR. WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG, of Philadelphia.

For Vice-President, MR. MORITZ ELLINGER, of New York City.

For Secretary, MR. LIPMAN LEVY, of Cincinnati.

For Assistant Secretary, MR. AUGUSTUS BINSWANGER, of St. Louis.

On motion, the gentlemen nominated were unanimously elected to the offices named, and assumed their respective positions.

The following reports, in printed form, were presented to the Council:

REPORT OF THE President of the Executive Board.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—With great pleasure I report that during the past year the sentiment of “Union in Israel” has grown and spread among our people in every section of the United States, for every patriotic Israelite readily and clearly perceives the benefits to be derived from every Israelite becoming a member of a congregation.

If each congregation entering the folds of the Union would contribute to the common fund one dollar per annum for each of its members, such annual contribution would amount to at least fifty thousand dollars, and this sum being under the direction of an Executive Board, elected by the representatives of fifty thousand Israelites, they would be in a position to carry out successfully the measures contemplated by the Union.

To strengthen the congregations with membership and to bring every congregation into the Union, should be the aim of every Israelite who desires to see the standard of education elevated and the people advanced to a higher plane on the way to perfection. To accomplish this, both individual and collective influences must be brought to bear, and to which the Council by its wisdom should give the incentive.

THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

From the reports of the Board of Governors, the President of the Hebrew Union College and the Board of Examiners, your

honorable body will learn that the students of that institution are making satisfactory progress in their studies, and it is now necessary to erect the college building in Cincinnati, and the ways and means for that purpose should be provided by this Council. I also take great pleasure in reporting that the students in the preparatory school of New York, under the guidance of the Reverend Dr. Gustav Gottheil, are also making remarkably good progress in their studies.

THE SABBATH.

I recommend to the counsel the consideration of the question of a stricter observance of the Sabbath.

CIRCUIT PREACHING.

The Executive Board, to whom the projected measure of Circuit Preaching was referred for action, have at their first semi-annual meeting decided that they deemed it inexpedient for the present to inaugurate the system, which decision has been very unfavorably commented on by the small communities who feel the want of Sabbath-schools and able sermons. I again recommend this subject to your attention.

A HEBREW YOUNG LADIES' SEMINARY.

It should also be the aim of the Union to call into existence, as soon practicable, a Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary, where our daughters may, under the guidance of mothers in Israel, receive a Hebrew and a Classical education, combined with Music and the Arts. Philanthropists will find in the Union a willing ally in making such an institution a great success.

AGRICULTURAL PURSUITS.

To lead our brethren to agricultural pursuits should also be the aim of the Union.

I call special attention to the able report of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights on this important subject, and in order to carry out their recommendation further legislation by the Council on this measure is essential.

THANKS.

Thanks of the Union are due to the Reverend Dr. Isaac M. Wise, the Reverend Dr. Max Lillienthal and the Reverend Dr. Gustav Gottheil for their valuable services given gratuitously during the past year to the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati and the preparatory school of New York. They have worked well and faithfully, and their labors the present and future generations will call blessed.

In conclusion, I beg to tender grateful thanks to the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College and their Secretary for the zeal and watchful care they have taken over the institutions under their care. I also thank the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights for the able manner in which they have discharged their duties, and I acknowledge and thank the Executive Board for their hearty co-operation in the discharge of my duties, and my special thanks are due and they are hereby tendered to our able and faithful Secretary for his vigilant care of the interests of the Union; and, invoking God's choicest blessings upon the officers and the members of the Union, I am,

Your most obedient servant,

M. LOTH,

President.

Secretary's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my annual report:

PROCEEDINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

CONCORDIA HALL,
MILWAUKEE, WIS., JULY 11, 1878. }

The Executive Board met at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present, Messrs. Leopold Rosenfeld, David Adler, Moritz Loth, Julius Freiberg, Solomon Levi, Henry Adler, Lewis Seasingood, William Goodheart, Moritz Ellinger, William B. Hackenburgh, Emanuel Wertheimer, Sigmund Mann, Isaac Lesem, Elias Friend, Augustus Binswanger, Adam A. Kramer and L. M. Hellman.

On motion of Mr. Moritz Ellinger, Mr. Moritz Loth was elected President, and assumed the Chair.

Mr. Julius Freiberg was elected Vice-President.

On motion, the salary of the Secretary was fixed at six hundred dollars per annum, payable in equal monthly instalments.

Mr. Lipman Levy was elected Secretary.

Mr. Solomon Levi was elected Treasurer.

On motion, the bond of the Secretary was fixed at five thousand dollars, and that of the Treasurer at twenty thousand dollars.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have two thousand copies of the report of the proceedings of the Fifth Council printed.

Mr. M. Ellinger proposed the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was unanimously adopted :

Add to Article I.:

SECTION 5. The President of the Executive Board shall appoint three members thereof as an Auditing Committee, who shall serve for one year and until their successors are appointed, whose duty it shall be to examine all bills and claims against the Union of American Hebrew Congregations for which no appropriations have been made, and, if found correct, to certify the same by their signatures ; which certificate, when signed by a majority of the Committee, shall be a proper voucher, upon which the Secretary shall draw an order upon the Treasurer, who shall pay the same when countersigned by the President.

The President appointed as the Auditing Committee, Messrs. Lewis Seasongood, William Goodheart and Henry Adler.

On motion of Mr. M. Ellinger, the President appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. M. Ellinger, Adam A. Kramer and William B. Hackenburgh, to report nominations for the Board of Governors.

The Committee retired, and on its return presented the following names :

Bernhard Bettmann, Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, Rev. Dr. David Einhorn, Rev. George Jacobs, Nathan Bloom, Samuel Ullman, of Louisville, Ky., Solomon Levi, Julius Freiberg, Leopold Rosenfeld, Moritz Ellinger, Joseph Bloch, Samuel Ullman, of Natchez, Miss., M. A. Rosenblatt, A. E. Frankland, Herman Bamberger, Abraham Stein, Rev. Dr. Adolph Huebsch and Rev. James K. Gutheim.

There being no other nominations, the candidates were duly elected to hold office with the members holding over, as follows :

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1879.

Josiah Cohen,	of Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jacob Ezekiel,	" Cincinnati, O.
A. J. Friedlander,	" "
Julius Freiberg,	" "
Samuel Ullman,	" Louisville, Ky.
M. A. Rosenblatt,	" St. Louis, Mo.
A. E. Frankland,	" Memphis, Tenn.
Rev. Dr. Adolph Huebsch,	" New York City.

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1880.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal,	of Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein,	" St. Louis, Mo.
William Goodheart,	" Cincinnati, O.
Rev. George Jacobs,	" Philadelphia, Pa.
Nathan Bloom,	" Louisville, Ky.
Solomon Levi,	" Cincinnati, O.
Leopold Rosenfeld,	" "
Moritz Ellinger,	" New York City.

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1881.

Bernhard Bettmann,	of Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil,	" New York City.
Rev. Dr. David Einhorn,	" "
Samuel Ullman,	" Natchez, Miss.
Joseph Bloch,	" Cincinnati, O.
Herman Bamberger,	" Indianapolis, Ind.
Abraham Stein,	" New York City.
Rev. James K. Gutheim,	" New Orleans, La.

On motion of Mr. William B. Hackenburgh, it was resolved to proceed with the election of a Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights. Mr. Lewis Seasongood moved to appoint a Committee of three to make nominations. The motion prevailed, and the President appointed as the Committee, Messrs. Lewis Seasongood, William B. Hackenburgh and Moritz Ellinger, who retired, and on their return presented the names of the following persons, all of whom were duly elected, there being no other nominations:

Mayer S. Isaacs,	of New York City.
Bernhard Bettmann,	" Cincinnati, O.
Adolph L. Sanger,	" New York City.
William B. Hackenburgh,	" Philadelphia, Pa.
Simon Wolf,	" Washington, D. C.
Moritz Ellinger,	" New York City.
Julius Freiberg,	" Cincinnati, O.
Elias Friend,	" Milwaukee, Wis.
Philip Lewin,	" Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Dr. Adolph Huebsch,	of New York City.
Louis Seasongood,	" Cincinnati, O.
Benjamin F. Peixotto,	" Lyons, France.
Rev. Henry S. Jacobs,	" New York City.
Mayer Sulzberger,	" Philadelphia, Pa.
Julius Bien,	" New York City.
A. S. Solomon,	" Washington, D. C.
Myer Stern,	" New York City.
Adolph Moses,	" Chicago, Ill.

On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the sum of two thousand dollars was appropriated for the Board of Governors for expenses of the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing six months.

Mr. Solomon Levi moved to appoint a Committee of five on College Buildings and Grounds, the President to be one of the Committee. The motion prevailed. The President appointed Messrs. Adam A. Kramer, Julius Freiberg, Bernhard Bettmann and Jacob Ezekiel on the Committee.

A letter was read from Rev. J. Wechsler, of New Haven, Conn., offering his services in aid of Circuit Preaching, which was ordered to be filed.

On motion, the subject of Circuit Preaching was made the special order for the next meeting of this Board.

On motion, the Secretary was authorized to buy a book-case at a price not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, the Auditing Committee and the Secretary were instructed to attend to the printing.

On motion of Mr. Solomon Levi, it was ordered that the next semi-annual meeting of this Board be held at Cincinnati, O., on January 19, 1879, at ten o'clock A. M., of which meeting the Secretary was instructed to notify each member four weeks in advance.

The following bill, duly audited, was presented and ordered to be paid:

Lipman Levy, Salary as Secretary for June, 1878.	\$50 00
Cash paid for Expenses of Fifth Council.....	72 75
Exchange.....	45
Binding reports.....	2 00
Express charges.....	2 50
Key.....	30
Manifold paper.....	35
Postage.....	3 00
Total	<u>\$131 35</u>

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, MOUND STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, January 19, 1879. }

The Executive Board met at ten o'clock A. M. Present, Messrs. Henry Adler, Abraham Aub, Augustus Binswanger, Moritz Ellinger, Julius Freiberg, Elias Friend, William Goodheart, Adam A. Kramer, Solomon Levi, Moritz Loth, Henry Marks, Leopold Rosenfeld, Lewis Seasongood, Alexander Strauss, Emanuel Wertheimer, and Lipman Levy, Secretary.

President Loth, on assuming the Chair, addressed the Board as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—I salute you and bid you welcome to the first semi-annual meeting of the Executive Board under the new Constitution. Some of you, gentlemen, came from great distances to attend this meeting, thereby giving evidence of your devotion to the cause of Judaism, which is the cause of the whole human family, for the laws revealed at Sinai and intrusted to our care are to the social organization what dew and sunshine are in their season to vegetation. No individual, no family, no community or State, be they ever so wise, wealthy or powerful, dares to disregard the teachings of those matchless laws, without bringing upon themselves the most humiliating and dire calamities that undermine happiness and prosperity to the remotest time.

To educate Rabbis, who shall have the ability to expound in befitting language those commandments, the proverbs and poetry of Israel's Bards, is one of the aims of the Union, and I am happy to inform the Board that the students of the Hebrew Union College are progressing most satisfactorily, as also the students of the Preparatory School in the city of New York, under the guidance of that eminent divine, Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil, are doing well, and give great promise of happy results.

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College ask for an appropriation of \$2,000 for the ensuing six months, which I request the Board to grant.

The question of inaugurating Circuit Preaching is to be one of the objects of this meeting, as also to take practical steps for leading Israelites into farming pursuits, both of which measures I hope will be adopted.

With these brief remarks I declare this meeting open, and request our able and faithful Secretary to read the minutes of our last meeting.

On motion, Mr. Meyer Frank, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was present, was authorized to act in place of Mr. Philip Lewin, of the same city.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Binswanger tendered the excuses of Mr. L. M. Hellman for being absent from this meeting.

A telegram from Mr. Isaac Lesem, and letters from Messrs. David Adler, Lewis N. Dembitz, and William B. Hackenburgh, were read, tendering excuses for non-attendance.

The Secretary reported the following receipts since the beginning of the present fiscal year, viz.:

Dues from congregations.....	\$2,367 00
Yearly contributions.....	818 00
Donations to Sinking Fund.....	1,842 00
" " Indigent Students Fund.....	743 50
Bibles.....	99 00
Interest.....	2,224 18—8,093 68

The balances to the credit of the various funds are as follows:

Hebrew Union College.....	\$ 593 86
Indigent students.....	5,999 80
Library.....	450 00

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting the following congregations had become members of the Union of American Hebrew congregations, viz.:

Mount Zion Hebrew,
Keneseth Israel,
Ahavas Chesed,
Rodef Sholem,
Temple of Israel,
Bnai Jeshurun,

St. Paul, Minn.
Philadelphia, Pa.
New York City.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Wilmington, N. C.
New York City.

The Secretary was instructed to issue an invitation to all congregations that have not yet become members of the to Union do so, and to publish the same in the Jewish press.

The President, Treasurer, and Secretary were authorized to withdraw from the Cincinnati Safe Deposit Company any of the United States bonds there deposited, and to exchange and reinvest the same.

The President and Secretary were authorized to reinstate any congregation now suspended, upon the payment of arrearages of dues.

A communication was read from the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, requesting an appropriation of two thousand dollars for current expenses, which appropriation was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Mr. L. N. Dembitz, recommending the purchase of one hundred copies of Dr. DeSola Mendes' Rabbinical Dictionary.

On motion, the communication, with the accompanying papers, were referred to the Faculty of the Hebrew Union College, with a request that they report to the next Council.

Mr. Adam A. Kramer, from the Committee on College Buildings and Grounds, reported progress.

The Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights presented the following report, which was laid over for future consideration:

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

I have the honor to report that the "Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights" has held two meetings.

1. On the 10th of September, 1878, an organization was effected by the election of M. S. Isaacs as Chairman, and Adolph Sanger as Secretary. A committee was appointed to prepare regulations for the government of the Board. A committee was appointed to report in what States of the United States, if any, there are legal discriminations against citizens of the Hebrew faith.

2. On the 25th of December no quorum was present, and the Board adjourned without transacting any business.

3. I have been in correspondence with the State Department, thanking the Secretary for the information communicated as to

Mr. Mathews, U. S. Consul at Tangiers, who, in response to the request of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, interceded in behalf of the Israelites of Morocco.

4. I have also acted upon a communication respecting Dr. Smith, the U. S. Consul at Galatz, who, it was reported, had committed the United States to the recognition of the Government of Roumania, notwithstanding the failure of that principality to promulgate full religious liberty as required by the Berlin Treaty. I referred the matter to Mr. Adolphus S. Solomons, of Washington, a member of the Board, who ascertained and reported that the statement as to Dr. Smith made by the newspapers was without foundation. Had Dr. Smith presented to the Government of Roumania the letter referred to he would have exceeded his authority.

5. I recommend the adoption by the Executive Board of the accompanying plan of co-operation with the "Alliance Israelite Universelle."

Yours respectfully,
NEW YORK, January 12, 5639—1879.

M. S. ISAACS,
Chairman.

On motion of Mr. A. A. Kramer, a committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Mr. B. Bettmann, was appointed to collect the unpaid donations and subscriptions to the Sinking Fund, and to encourage and obtain additional donations and subscriptions, and report at the next meeting of the Council; and, in the meantime, to pay over collections made to the Secretary of the Board.

The Treasurer reported that he had received \$78.55 for interest on deposits, but would not be able to obtain any interest hereafter.

The Secretary of the Board of Governors was requested to present a report.

On motion, the following committees were appointed:

On Circuit Preaching—Messrs. Ellinger, Freiberg and Binswanger.

On Agricultural Pursuits—Messrs. Wertheimer, Ellinger and Seasongood.

The Board took a recess until three o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board met pursuant to adjournment, President Loth in the Chair.

The following reports were presented and adopted :

The project of Circuit Preaching, which has heretofore received the attention of the Council and been referred to the Executive Board for action, has received our careful attention, and we beg leave to report that we deem the establishment of circuits and employment of circuit preachers inopportune at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

M. ELLINGER,
JULIUS FREIBERG,
A. BINSWANGER,
Committee.

WHEREAS, In our opinion the true emancipation of Jews consists in the greater infusion of the spirit of manhood and self-dependence, which can best be done by encouraging the large masses of Israelites dwelling in Eastern and Southern Europe to become farmers, agriculturists and mechanics; and,

WHEREAS, The millions of acres still lying waste in this country await the toil of the thrifty and industrious husbandman and laborer to yield the untold wealth sleeping in the undeveloped soil, and to millions of Jews the independence of the farmer would be the true redemption from bondage; and,

WHEREAS, This country, our brethren all over the world, and society at large would be greatly benefited by the enlistment of willing hands and stout hearts in an enterprise that would largely affect the great social questions of modern times; and,

WHEREAS, Such work could be carried out with facility in co-operation with our sister societies in Europe, the Alliance Israelite and their German branches, the Board of English Deputies and others; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights be and they are hereby instructed to take into consideration the feasibility and practicability of our active co-operation with our sister societies in Europe, for the purpose of encouraging agriculture among Jews, and the settlement in this country of such as are willing and able to devote themselves to that pursuit on the lands in the West and South.

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and they are hereby authorized to accept donations of land and funds and hold them in trust for the purpose of encouraging agricultural pursuits among Israelites.

EM. WERTHEIMER,
M. ELLINGER,
LEWIS SEASONGOOD,
Committee.

CINCINNATI, January 19, 5639—1879.

To the President and Members of the Executive Board, U. A. H. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with a request made by your honorable body, at its semi-annual session this morning, I take pleasure in submitting to you that the present status of the Hebrew Union College is of the most progressive character. The last report of the President of the College to the Board of Governors sets forth that there is a daily attendance of twenty-six students, uniformly punctual, without exception, and their conduct is exemplary. The preceptors are invariably at their posts in proper time, and prove to be successful and conscientious teachers; that the relations between preceptors and students are of the most pleasant nature, and that there are, perhaps, but few scholastic institutions in the country where less governing is required, as cordiality and good order are maintained in the College.

The semi-annual examination of the students took place on the 21st and 22d of December, in the presence of the resident members of the Board of Governors and Executive Board, the result of which was highly satisfactory.

The College is open from four to six p. m. daily in the vestry-rooms of Plum Street Temple. It will afford great satisfaction both to the preceptors and students if your honorable body could favor them with a visit at the College during your session, which I trust it may be your pleasure to accord.

I regret exceedingly the absence of the President of the Board of Governors from the city at this time, which precludes you in some measure from receiving a more detailed report of the workings of the Board of Governors and Hebrew Union College.

As the Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations provides only for an annual report of the Board of Governors and President of the College, to be submitted to the Council at its session, I trust you will, therefore, pardon any seeming neglect on my part in furnishing such other information as you may have desired.

With assurances of high regard for your honorable body, I am yours, etc., truly and respectfully,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Secretary Board of Governors, H. U. C.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Seasongood, was adopted:

Resolved, That all messages and documents from any of the Executive Officers of the Union of American Hebrew Congre-

gations, recommending new legislation or modification of existing laws, shall first be submitted to the consideration of the Executive Board, at its session prior to the meeting of the Council, before it can be submitted to such annual Council.

An appropriation of \$300.00 was made to pay interest due Mr. Henry Adler on May 18, 1879.

On motion, the members of this Board residing in the city of New York were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the meeting of the next Council.

Mr. Lewis Seasongood proposed the following amendments to the Constitution, which were, on motion, recommended to the Council for adoption:

Article V., Section 2, shall read as follows:

The Executive Board shall meet immediately after its election by the Council at the place where the latter held its session, and semi-annually thereafter, in the months of January and July when no regular meeting of the Council shall take place, at such place as shall have been designated by them the previous meeting, and eleven of their number shall form a quorum.

Article V., Section 4, shall read as follows:

The Executive Board shall, at its semi-annual meeting, or at such other meetings as shall be called by the President on the written request of ten members, and of which sufficient notice shall be given to all members, make all appropriations by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; they shall devise means by which all laws of the Council shall be executed; they shall appoint such necessary standing committees, who shall during the year attend to all the business that may be assigned to them and shall report their doings in full at the sessions of the Board.

The amendments being to the effect that eleven instead of sixteen members shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Board, and that ten members thereof instead of sixteen may call a special meeting.

The following bills for expenses were presented by members of the Commission appointed by the Fifth Council (report page 544) and ordered to be paid, the Commission having met in Philadelphia:

Dr. E. G. Hirsh, of Louisville, Ky.	\$60 00
Dr. G. Gottheil, of New York City	28 00
Dr. M. Lilienthal, of Cincinnati, O	50 00
Mr. L. N. Dembitz, of Louisville, Ky	56 00

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet in New York City on July 7, 1879.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Executive Board on January 19, 1879, I prepared the following circular, which was forwarded to about one hundred and seventy-five Congregations in the United States, for the names of which I am indebted to William B. Hackenburgh, Esq., of Philadelphia, who promptly responded to my request for the same :

THE UNION OF AMERICAN HEBREW CONGREGATIONS, }
CINCINNATI, 1879 }

To the Officers and Members of Congregation ——— of ———

GENTLEMEN:—At a meeting of the Executive Board held on January 19, 1879—5639, it was represented that a large number of Congregations had expressed a desire to become members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, but were deterred from carrying this into effect, because they did not understand what was required of them in order to enable them to become members. For the purpose of giving this information, we were instructed to send you this communication, and to state that all that is required to enable you to become a member of the Union is to adopt the following:

“Resolved, That this Congregation hereby declares its desire to become a member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in accordance with the laws thereof;” (a copy of which laws we transmit to you herewith) *and to send a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Union.*

A large majority of the prominent Congregations of the United States are now members of the Union, and it being our desire that every Congregation, large and small, should participate in this glorious privilege of fostering JEWISH EDUCATION and uniting in all worthy undertakings sanctioned by our laws, we request you to at once take action and join with us in promoting our endeavors to embrace within our folds every Hebrew Congregation in this country.

• Fraternally yours,

MORITZ LOTH,
President.

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

Since the issuing of this circular the following Congregations have become members of the U. A. H. C.:

B'nai Israel,	Davenport, Iowa.
Anshe Emeth,	Albany, N. Y.
B'rith Kodesh,	Rochester, N. Y.
Kahl Montgomery,	Montgomery, Ala.
Yeshurun,	Paducah, Ky.
Shaara Tefilla,	Lynchburg, Va.
Shaaray Tefilla,	New York City.
Shangarai Chassed,	New Orleans, La.
Rodolph Sholom,	New York City.
Beth Israel,	Portland, Oregon.

I have learned from a letter received by me from its late Secretary that Progress Association, of Oil City, Pa., has ceased to exist.

STATEMENT

Showing the moneys received from all sources for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1879.

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.

1878.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
June	8 Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash, Ind.....	\$ 40 00
	12 Progress Association.....	Oil City, Pa.....	17 00
	14 Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo, N. Y.....	76 00
	18 Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.....	34 00
	19 Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg, Miss.....	75 00
	23 Benai Israel.....	Natchitoches, La.....	20 00
	26 Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	13 50
	27 Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne, Ind.....	55 00
	27 Oheb Zedek.....	Pottsville, Pa.....	10 00
	29 Brith Sholom.....	Springfield, Ill.....	11 00
	29 Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	39 50
July	1 Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	20 00
	3 Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, O.....	80 00
	9 Beth Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	10 00
	9 Emanu El.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	35 50
	16 Washington Hebrew.....	Washington, D. C.....	84 00
	16 Akron Hebrew Association.....	Akron, O.....	25 00
Aug.	23 B'nai Zion.....	Titusville, Pa.....	21 00
Sept.	4 B'nai Israel.....	Hamilton, O.....	13 00
	4 Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	8 00
	5 Children of Israel.....	Athens, Ga.....	8 00
	7 Beni Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	11 50
	7 Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	7 50
	10 Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, O.....	10 00
	10 Benai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 00
	14 Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria, Ill.....	24 00
	20 Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland, O.....	37 50
	20 Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	15 00
	21 Temple Emanu El.....	New York City.....	231 00
	22 B'nai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	15 00
	22 Ohavia Sholem.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	20 00
	24 Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton, O.....	15 00
	25 Beth Ahaba.....	Richmond, Va.....	48 00
	27 Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	39 50
	30 Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	20 00
Oct.	2 Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00
	3 United Hebrew.....	".....	32 50
	9 Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	8 50
	12 Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua, O.....	6 00
	14 Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, O.....	92 50
	15 Beth El.....	Detroit, Mich.....	80 00
	17 B'nai Sholem.....	Huntsville, Ala.....	7 50
	21 Beth El Emeth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	20 00
	24 Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield, O.....	9 00
	25 Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
Oct. 26	Emanu El.....	San Francisco, Cal.....	\$ 136 00
Nov. 6	Beth El.....	New York City.....	148 00
7	Beth Israel.....	Houston, Texas.....	25 00
9	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	85 00
14	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, O.....	8 00
15	Ahavas Chesed.....	New York City.....	112 50
18	B'nai Sholom.....	Bastrop, La.....	7 00
Dec. 6	Temple of Israel.....	Wilmington, N. C.....	35 00
12	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	8 00
16	B'nai Jeshurun.....	New York City.....	70 00
26	B'nai Jeshurun.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	10 00
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Jan. 6	Knoxville Hebrew Benevolent	Knoxville, Tenn.....	8 00
12	B'nai Israel.....	Galveston, Texas.....	137 00
25	Or Zion.....	Peru, Ind.....	14 00
Feb. 12	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	24 50
18	Bene Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
24	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden, Ark.....	12 00
28	Children of Israel.....	Athens, Ga.....	10 00
28	Beth Israel.....	Houston, Texas.....	25 00
March 3	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown, D. C.....	7 00
5	Ohavia Sholom.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	20 00
6	Emanu El.....	New York City.....	231 00
6	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro, Ky.....	15 00
8	United Hebrew Benev. Society	Victoria, Texas.....	19 00
8	Mt. Zion Hebrew.....	St. Paul, Minn.....	19 00
10	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	8 00
13	Keneseth Israel.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	100 00
14	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati, O.....	75 00
17	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	35 50
19	Anshe Emeth.....	La Crosse, Wis.....	8 50
21	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma, Ala.....	15 50
26	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston, S. C.....	55 00
28	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburg, Pa.....	38 50
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	22 00
28	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00
30	Meadville Hebrew Society.....	Meadville, Pa.....	8 00
31	B'nai Israel.....	Columbus, O.....	22 50
April 3	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton, O.....	17 00
4	Tiffereth Israel.....	Cleveland, O.....	33 00
4	B'nai Israel.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	10 50
5	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	20 00
7	Children of Israel.....	Memphis, Tenn.....	50 50
16	Adas Israel.....	Louisville, Ky.....	95 00
19	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	25 00
20	Oheb Zedukah.....	Springfield, O.....	8 50
24	B'nai Israel.....	Natchez, Miss.....	15 00
24	Beth El Emeth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	20 00

DUES FROM CONGREGATIONS.—*Continued.*

1879.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	Amount.
April 24	Shaarai Shomayim.....	Mobile, Ala.....	\$ 65 00
26	United Hebrew.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	35 00
27	B'nai Sholem.....	Bastrop, La.....	7 00
May 4	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	13 50
5	Beth El.....	New York City.....	148 00
6	B'nai Israel.....	Vincennes, Ind.....	7 00
6	B'nai Israel.....	Evansville, Ind.....	29 50
9	Yeshurun.....	Paducah, Ky.....	25 00
11	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans, La.....	140 00
15	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown, O.....	10 00
24	B'nai Sholem.....	Quincy, Ill.....	47 00
27	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth, O.....	8 00
29	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati, O.....	92 50
30	Bene Yeshurun.....	".....	100 00
	Total.....		\$4374 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 8	Julius Houseman.....	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	\$ 20 00
	8 Joseph Houseman.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 S. A. Hart.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 Isaac C. Levi.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 Henry C. Levi.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 Jacob Barth.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 D. M. Amberg.....	" ".....	10 00
	8 Moses May.....	" ".....	10 00
July 9	Nathan Bloom.....	Louisville, Ky.....	25 00
Aug. 31	Nathan Bloom.....	" ".....	25 00
Sept. 2	S. Spear.....	Galesburg, Ill.....	5 00
	2 Joseph Salzer.....	Carlisle, Ky.....	10 00
	3 Jacob Block.....	Rushville, Ind.....	5 00
	6 Max Heavenrich.....	St. Johns, Mich.....	10 00
	6 B. Bettmann.....	Cincinnati, O.....	20 00
	6 Moritz Loth, Jr.....	" ".....	2 00
	6 Emanuel Loth, Jr.....	" ".....	2 00
	6 Abraham Reis.....	" ".....	5 00
	6 Samuel Reis.....	" ".....	10 00
	10 Morris Elgutter.....	Omaha, Neb.....	5 00
	10 Ph. Gottheimer.....	" ".....	2 00
	11 Jos. Kronthal.....	Sandusky, O.....	3 00
	11 L. Monat.....	" ".....	3 00
	11 M. Lebensberger.....	" ".....	3 00
	11 G. Hart.....	" ".....	3 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Sept.	11 Jacob Kronthal.....	Sandusky, O	\$ 2 00
	11 N. Bear.....	"	3 00
	11 D. Frohman.....	"	2 00
	13 Henry Katz.....	Clinton, Ill.....	1 00
	13 Gus. Katz.....	"	1 00
	13 Louis Katz.....	Mattoon, Ill.....	1 00
	13 Jacob Seasongood	Cincinnati, O	50 00
	16 Simon Heavenrich.....	Detroit, Mich	10 00
	16 Julius Robinson.....	"	10 00
	16 Seligman Schloss	"	10 00
	16 E. S. Heineman	"	10 00
	16 Emanuel Schloss	"	10 00
	16 Martin Butzel.....	"	10 00
	16 Magnus Butzel.....	"	10 00
	16 Samuel Heavenrich.....	"	10 00
	16 Simon Freedman.....	"	10 00
	16 Isidor Kaufman.....	"	10 00
	16 Louis Lambert.....	"	10 00
	16 M. C. Fechheimer.....	"	5 00
	16 Sigmund Simon.....	"	5 00
	16 Herman Fechheimer.....	"	5 00
	17 A. Reiter	Greensburg, Ind.....	10 00
	27 Louis Aufrecht.....	Cincinnati, O	5 00
	30 Louis Adler.....	Lawrenceburg, Ind.....	1 00
	30 Jacob C. Wiles	"	1 00
	30 Simon Kaufman.....	"	1 00
Oct.	30 S. Strasburger	"	1 00
	9 D. N. Klein	Meadville, Pa	1 00
	10 Mrs. Caroline Swartz.....	Cincinnati, O	25 00
	10 Dr. I. Frank	"	5 00
	28 Isaac Lesem.....	Quincy, Ill.....	20 00
	28 Wolf Joseph	"	10 00
	28 H. Hirsch.....	"	5 00
	28 Charles Stern.....	"	5 00
	28 M. & S. Kingsbaker.....	"	5 00
	28 M. Joseph.....	"	5 00
Nov.	28 M. Jacobs.....	"	5 00
	7 William Goldstein.....	Shelbyville, Ill	2 50
	7 Max Kleeman.....	"	2 50
	7 E. Moses	"	1 00
	7 H. Cottlow	"	2 00
	7 Morris Cottlow	"	2 00
	11 C. Koch.....	Cleveland, O	10 00
	11 J. Goldsmith.....	"	10 00
	11 Sigmund Mann.....	"	10 00
	11 Moritz Joseph.....	"	10 00
	11 Manuel Halle.....	"	10 00
	11 A. W. Mann.....	"	5 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Nov. 11	I. Nusbaum	Cleveland, O	\$ 5 00
11	Sol. Sloss	"	5 00
11	J. Reinthal	"	3 00
11	S. H. Bloch	"	5 00
11	Emanuel Bloch	"	5 00
11	J. Robinson	"	5 00
11	K. Hays	"	5 00
11	Moses Halle	"	5 00
11	S. Austrian	"	5 00
11	Joseph Halle	"	5 00
11	S. Sampliner	"	2 00
11	M. Jacobs	"	2 00
11	F. Strauss	"	5 00
11	A. Goldsoll	"	5 00
11	J. Steinfeld	"	2 00
11	Felsenheim	"	3 00
11	B. Salberg	"	1 00
11	B. Shreier	"	3 00
11	T. Harris	"	2 00
11	J. Goodhart	"	1 00
11	H. Baer	"	1 00
11	E. Loeb	"	1 00
11	A. Wiener	"	5 00
11	E. Ullman }	"	10 00
11	M. Ullman }		
11	L. Einstein }		
11	Julius Schwarz	"	2 00
11	Leopold Wolf	"	1 00
11	M. Hoffman	"	2 00
11	I. Hoffman	"	2 00
11	M. Stock	"	1 00
11	S. H. Einstein	"	2 00
11	S. Newmark	"	20 00
11	Meyer Weil	"	5 00
11	C. K. Halle	"	5 00
11	J. Mandelbaum	"	5 00
11	Isaac Alsbacher	"	5 00
11	F. H. Einstein	"	2 00
11	Maurice Wise	"	5 00
11	Julius Blach	Vevay, Ind	5 00
23	Martin Stadler	Cincinnati, O	25 00
28	Sol. Wise	Abbeville, La	6 00
Dec. 27	Leon Cahn	New Orleans, La	1 00
1879.			
Jan. 7	J. R. Skinner	Cincinnati, O	50 00
Mar. 14	Julius Freiberg	"	50 00
24	A. Furst	St. Joseph, Mo	20 00
24	F. Westheimer	"	10 00

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.—*Continued.*

1879.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Mar. 24	Samuel Westheimer.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	\$ 10 00
24	Isador Weil.....	".....	5 00
24	Julius Meyer.....	".....	5 00
24	B. Newburger.....	".....	5 00
24	Samuel Hess.....	".....	5 00
24	Adam Cahn.....	".....	5 00
24	S. Stern.....	".....	5 00
May 6	S. Samuels.....	Columbus, Ind.....	2 50
	F. Vogel.....	".....	2 50
	S. Kiser.....	".....	1 00
	L. King.....	".....	1 00
	S. Rosenheim.....	".....	1 00
	D. Samuels.....	".....	1 00
16	B. A. Feineman.....	Kansas City, Mo.....	10 00
	Total.....		\$ 957 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 2	Emanuel Wertheimer.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	\$ 50 00
2	Joseph and Jacob Klee.....	".....	50 00
2	Mrs. L. Morganstern.....	".....	50 00
2	Simon Kaufman.....	".....	25 00
2	Josiah Cohen.....	".....	25 00
2	L. Rosenberger.....	".....	10 00
2	William Frank.....	".....	10 00
2	Isaac Bierman.....	".....	10 00
2	Joseph Kaufman.....	".....	10 00
2	Julius Adler.....	".....	10 00
2	Charles Zeugschmidt.....	".....	10 00
2	William Herzog.....	".....	10 00
2	A. Lippman.....	".....	10 00
2	M. Oppenheimer.....	".....	10 00
2	Alexander Fink.....	".....	10 00
2	J. Lehman.....	".....	10 00
2	S. Pretzfeld.....	".....	10 00
2	S. Gallinger.....	".....	10 00
2	Isaac M. Heidelberg.....	".....	10 00
2	B. S. Klee.....	".....	10 00
2	S. Strassburger.....	".....	10 00
2	J. Hannach.....	".....	5 00
2	Isaac Kahn.....	".....	5 00
2	H. Heidelberg.....	".....	5 00
2	M. Klein.....	".....	5 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June	2 J. Binswanger.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	\$ 5 00
	2 H. Herzog.....	".....	5 00
	8 Alexander Frankenthal.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	10 00
	8 Sigmund Levison.....	".....	20 00
	8 Jacob Furth.....	".....	10 00
	25 I. M. Pollack.....	".....	20 00
	27 F. Westheimer.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	100 00
	27 Samuel Westheimer.....	".....	100 00
	27 Isaac Weil.....	".....	100 00
	27 Julius Meyer.....	".....	25 00
	27 B. Newburger.....	".....	10 00
	27 Joseph Strauss.....	".....	5 00
	27 Joseph Cahn.....	".....	5 00
	27 Aaron Cahn.....	".....	5 00
	27 A. Barth.....	".....	5 00
Sept.	3 Martin Stadler.....	Cincinnati, O.....	400 00
	23 E. Rich.....	Pontwater, Mich.....	25 00
	24 A. Nathan.....	Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
	24 Jacob Nathan.....	".....	100 00
Oct.	12 L. Bach.....	Pella, Iowa.....	50 00
	22 William Goodheart.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
	23 William Stix.....	".....	100 00
	23 Henry Stix.....	".....	100 00
	30 Max. L. Gutman.....	Rochester, N. Y.....	10 00
Nov.	11 S. Mountner.....	Cleveland, O.....	5 00
	11 David Klein.....	".....	2 00
	11 Cash.....	".....	1 00
	11 Cash.....	".....	1 00
	18 Mrs. S. F.....	Quincy, Ill.....	2 00
	21 Mrs. L. Goodman, Sr.....	Terre Haute, Ind.....	5 00
Dec.	9 B. Schwarz.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	20 00
	9 Simon Frank.....	".....	20 00
	9 Solomon Deutsch.....	".....	20 00
	9 Anton Oppenheimer.....	".....	25 00
	9 M. Koenigheim.....	".....	10 00
	9 H. L. & Louis S. Berg.....	".....	10 00
	31 A. Levi.....	Dubuque, Iowa.....	5 00
1879.			
Jan.	6 Mrs. S. N. Weisel.....	Elizabeth City, N. J.....	1 00
Mar.	24 Isador Weil.....	St. Joseph, Mo.....	25 00
May	2 Miss Laura Hirsh.....	Vaiden, Miss.....	100 00
	15 William Stix.....	Cincinnati, O.....	100 00
	15 Mrs. Aaron Stix.....	".....	100 00
	26 Emanuel Wertheimer.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	50 00
	26 Jos. & Jacob Klee.....	".....	50 00
	26 Mrs. L. Morgenstern.....	".....	50 00
	26 Simon Kaufman.....	".....	25 00
	26 Josiah Cohen.....	".....	25 00

DONATIONS TO SINKING FUND.—*Continued.*

1879.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
May 26	William Frank	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	\$ 10 00
26	Isaac Bierman.....	"	10 00
26	Joseph Kaufman	"	10 00
26	Julius Adler.....	"	10 00
26	Chas. Zeugschmidt.....	"	10 00
26	Wm. Herzog	"	10 00
26	A. Lippman.....	"	10 00
26	M. Oppenheimer.....	"	10 00
26	Alexander Fink.....	"	10 00
26	Isaac Lehman.....	"	10 00
26	Simon Pretzfeld.....	"	10 00
26	S. Galinger.....	"	10 00
26	Isaac Heidelberg.....	"	10 00
26	B. S. Klee.....	"	10 00
26	S. Strassburger.....	"	10 00
26	J. Hannach.....	"	5 00
26	H. Heidelberg.....	"	5 00
26	Max Klein.....	"	5 00
26	J. Binswanger.....	"	5 00
26	Henry Herzog.....	"	5 00
30	Lazarus Silverman.....	Chicago, Ill	100 00
30	Jacob Rosenberg.....	"	100 00
30	Morris Einstein.....	"	100 00
30	Martin Clayburgh.....	"	100 00
30	H. A. Kohn.....	"	100 00
30	D. A. Kohn.....	"	100 00
30	Jos. A. Kohn.....	"	100 00
30	Marcus Weil	"	25 00
30	Sam. and Philip Goldman.....	"	25 00
30	Leopold & Austrian.....	"	25 00
30	William Goodheart.....	Cincinnati, O.....	50 00
30	Nathan Stix.....	"	250 00
30	Philip Bamberger.....	"	100 00
30	Aaron Bamberger.....	"	100 00
30	Moritz Loth, Jr.....	"	10 00
30	Emanuel Loth, Jr.....	"	10 00
Total			\$3837 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 5	Nathan Haas.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$ 100 00
8	Isaac Saller.....	".....	10 00
24	Abraham Herzberg.....	".....	20 00
24	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	Omaha, Neb.....	11 00
25	" ".....	Butler, Ind.....	5 00
July 16	" ".....	".....	1 00
Aug. 1	Miss Sarah Klein.....	Cincinnati, O.....	2 00
1	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	Charleston, W. Va.....	17 00
16	" ".....	Akron, O.....	5 00
17	" ".....	Meadville, Pa.....	5 00
24	" ".....	".....	1 00
Sept. 9	" ".....	Oil City, Pa.....	15 00
23	Wm. Goodheart.....	Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
23	A lady (per Dr. I. M. Wise)...	Pottsville, Pa.....	1 00
27	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	Bainbridge, Ga.....	11 00
Oct. 3	" ".....	Milwaukee, Wis.....	85 00
10	A. Aub.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
24	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	St. Paul, Minn.....	10 50
30	" ".....	Sioux City, Iowa.....	9 00
Nov. 9	Ladies' Wid. & Or. Asy. Ass'n	Cincinnati, O.....	200 00
18	" Ed'al Aid Soc'y No. 1.	New York City.....	50 00
Dec. 3	" ".....	Terre Haute, Ind.....	17 00
9	A. B. Frank.....	San Antonio, Texas.....	10 00
9	M. Halff.....	".....	10 00
24	B.....	Cumberland, Md.....	1 00
31	A. Levi.....	Dubuque, Iowa.....	1 00
31	Mrs. A. Levi.....	".....	1 00
31	Mrs. James Levi.....	".....	1 00
31	Eugene J. Levi.....	".....	1 00
1879.			
Jan. 6	B. and Rachel Bitterman.....	Junction City, Kansas.....	2 00
6	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	Shreveport, La.....	24 00
7	" ".....	Mobile, Ala.....	51 00
12	" ".....	Fall River, Mass.....	6 00
13	P. Kiss.....	Chicago, Ill.....	5 00
13	Mrs. Babetta Miller.....	Mansfield, O.....	25 00
23	Clinton Educa'al Aid Society..	Clinton, Iowa.....	5 00
29	S. Cohen.....	Wilkesbarre, Pa.....	2 00
29	E. Kraus.....	".....	1 00
29	Dr. E. Gumpert.....	".....	2 00
Feb. 1	Gateway City Ed. Aid Society	La Crosse, Wis.....	19 00
8	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society..	Rockport, Mo.....	3 00
13	" ".....	Meridian, Miss.....	27 00
14	" ".....	Cleveland, O.....	54 00
14	Hebrew.....	Indianapolis, Ind.....	46 00
17	Ladies'.....	Keokuk, Iowa.....	14 00
21	" ".....	Rochester, N. Y.....	80 00

DONATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENT STUDENTS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.—Continued.

1879.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Feb. 22	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society ..	Wabash and Huntington, Ind	\$ 12 00
26	" " " ..	Piqua, O	7 00
27	" " " ..	Warrensburg, Mo.....	5 00
27	Mrs. Morris Lichten	Greenville, Ala.....	5 00
March 3	Grace Aguilar Ed. Aid Soc'y ..	Natchez, Miss.....	61 75
5	Circleville " " " ..	Circleville, O.....	6 00
11	Ladies' " " " ..	Troy, O	3 00
13	" " " " ..	Petersburg, Ind.....	5 00
24	" " " " ..	Chicago, Ill.....	175 00
26	" " " " ..	Evansville, Ind.....	24 00
April 4	" " " " ..	Kansas City, Mo.....	43 00
5	" " " " ..	Selma, Ala.....	19 00
6	" " " " ..	Grand Rapids, Mich.....	21 50
11	" " " " ..	Butler, Ind.....	5 00
17	" " " " ..	Victoria, Texas.....	6 00
18	" " " " ..	Eufala, Ala.....	10 00
19	" " " " ..	Des Moines, Iowa.....	8 00
21	Kalamazoo " " " ..	Kalamazoo, Mich.....	19 00
23	Mendelsohn Literary Society ..	Fort Wayne, Ind	10 00
23	Mrs. M. I. Siegel.....	Troy, Ala.....	5 00
25	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society ..	Houston, Texas.....	47 00
28	Zanesville " " " ..	Zanesville, O.....	7 00
May 1	Ladies' " " " ..	Farmerville, La.....	10 00
2	Mrs. S. Mayer.....	Eutaw, Ala.....	1 00
2	Mrs. M. Schottenfelt.....	"	1 00
2	Miss Betty Sander.....	"	1 00
10	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society ..	Youngstown, O.....	16 00
14	" Wid. & Orph. Asy. Assn ..	Cincinnati, O	200 00
19	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society ..	Boston, Mass.....	50 00
20	" " " " ..	Atchison, Kansas.....	12 00
26	F. & R. Lazarus.....	Columbus, O.....	25 00
30	Ladies' Educa'al Aid Society ..	Monticello, Fla.....	5 00
	Total.....		\$1821 75

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1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
June 8	Alexander Hart.....	Staunton, Va.....	\$ 1 00
12	S. Sussman.....	Cincinnati, O.....	2 00
29	Cash.....		1 00
July 1	Miss Minnie R. Loryea.....	Charleston, S. C.....	1 00
Aug. 21	Jacob Apple.....	Ripon, Wis.....	1 00
22	I. Nahm.....	Hiseville, Ky.....	1 00

BIBLES.—*Continued.*

1878.	Name.	Residence.	Amount.
Aug. 27	Rev. Joseph Mountain.....	Wauconda, Ill.....	\$ 1 00
Sept. 24	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
24	Leo Proskauer.....	Uniontown, Ala.....	1 00
Oct. 1	Board of Governors H. U. C.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
8	Bloch & Co.	"	25 00
21	S. Kaufman.....	Brookville, Pa.....	1 00
21	Leo Wise	Cincinnati, O.....	1 00
21	Isaac M. Loryea.....	St. Matthews, S. C.....	1 00
Nov. 4	Dr. M. Jastrow.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	2 00
11	Dr. M. Jastrow.....	"	1 00
Dec. 6	Rev. David Levy.....	Charleston, S. C.....	6 00
9	Dr. M. Jastrow.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1 00
19	Miss Minnie R. Loryea.....	Charleston, S. C.....	1 00
1879.			
Jan. 15	Hart E. Berg.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	1 00
20	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
Feb. 5	Mrs. Theresa Mayer.....	Eutaw, Ala.....	1 00
28	Maximilian Sturm.....	Gainesville, Ala.....	1 00
28	J. Schuster.....	Farmerville, La.....	1 00
Mar. 3	Bloch & Co.....	Cincinnati, O.....	25 00
5	N. Cohn.....	"	1 00
19	W. W. Campbell	Philadelphia, Pa.....	2 00
April 11	S. Silverman.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	4 00
11	Rev. A. Crone.....	Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1 00
16	Jewish Foster Home & Or. Asy.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	10 00
May 2	Oettinger Bros.....	Kinston, N. C.....	1 00
2	Jacob Kahn.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	1 00
2	G. Forcheimer.....	"	1 00
2	E. Levy.....	"	1 00
	Total.....		\$ 174 00

MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.

1878.		
June 27.	Six months gold interest on \$35,000 U. S. 5-20 bonds.....	\$1,053 93
Aug. 19.	" interest on deposits by Treasurer.....	105 25
Dec. 31.	Coupon interest on bonds.....	1,065 00
1879.		
Jan. 20.	Interests on deposits by Treasurer.....	78 55
Feb. 25.	Difference on exchange of \$11,000 '67 bonds for same amount 4 per cent. bonds.....	150 00
April 1.	Interest on \$12,500 U. S. 4 per cent. bonds	125 00
15.	Difference on exchange of \$24,000 '68 bonds and \$500 4 per cent. bonds for \$25,000 4 per cent. bonds.....	70 00
	Total.....	\$2,647 73

DISBURSEMENTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending May 31, 1879.

(NOTE.—Those printed in *italics* were made by order of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, whose report contains the details.)

1878.			
June	4.	<i>J. J. Maas</i>	\$ 312 30
"	"	<i>Dr. I. M. Wise</i>	40 00
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	67 40
"	"	<i>Isaac Harris</i>	25 00
"	"	<i>M. H. Silverman</i>	20 00
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>Rev. Abraham Harris</i>	75 00
"	"	<i>William Krinkle</i>	7 00
"	10.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for May, 1878.....	\$ 50 00
		Cash paid for express charges 25 cents, deposit of bonds \$1, postage \$6	7 25
			<hr/> 57 25
July	2.	<i>J. J. Maas</i>	310 40
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	150 05
"	"	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	146 60
"	"	<i>Julius Freiberg</i>	25 00
"	"	<i>Bloch & Co., printing</i>	21 75
"	"	<i>Rev. Abraham Harris</i>	75 00
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>William Krinkle</i>	7 00
"	"	<i>M. H. Silverman</i>	20 00
"	"	<i>Isaac Harris</i>	25 00
"	"	<i>Jacob Ezekiel</i>	100 00
"	"	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	15 35
"	11.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for June, 1878.....	\$ 50 00
		Cash paid for expenses of Fifth Council.....	72 75
		Cash paid for exchange 45 cents, binding Reports \$2, express \$2.50, key 30 cents, manifold paper 35 cents, postage \$3.....	8 60
			<hr/> 131 35
"	"	<i>A. & H. Strauss, book case</i>	25 00
Aug.	1.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for July, 1878.....	50 00
"	14.	<i>Isaac Harris</i>	25 00
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>Rev. Abraham Harris</i>	75 00
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	7 21
"	"	<i>William Krinkle</i>	7 00
"	"	<i>M. H. Silverman</i>	20 00
Sept.	2.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for August, 1878...	50 00
"	4.	<i>E. Heuerman & Bro</i>	63 50
"	"	<i>Dr. I. M. Wise</i>	40 00
"	"	<i>Isaac Rubenstein</i>	3 75
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>Rev. Abraham Harris</i>	75 00
"	"	<i>Isaac Harris</i>	25 00
"	5.	<i>Bloch & Co., printing</i>	424 69

DISBURSEMENTS.—*Continued.*

1878.

Sept.	5.	Lipman Levy, cash paid for exchange 45 cents, express 50 cents, postage \$6, printing 75 cents, one year's subscription for <i>Jewish Messenger</i> \$5	\$ 12 70
Oct.	1.	<i>Louis Aufrecht</i>	450 41
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>Jacob Ezekiel</i>	37 50
"	"	<i>M. H. Silverman</i>	10 00
"	"	<i>Joseph Krauskopf</i>	12 50
"	"	<i>Lipman Levy, Secretary, for Bibles</i>	25 00
"	"	<i>E. Heuerman & Bro</i>	28 50
"	"	<i>William Krinkle</i>	7 00
"	"	<i>Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for September, 1878</i>	50 00
"	4.	<i>Lipman Levy, cash paid for two years' subscription for Reformer and Jewish Times \$10, postage \$5, binding 50 cents</i>	15 50
"	24.	<i>Solomon Levi, \$1,500 U. S. 4 per cent. bonds for the Sinking Fund</i>	1,503 75
Nov.	4.	<i>Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for October, 1878.</i>	50 00
"	6.	<i>Louis Aufrecht</i>	382 26
"	"	<i>R. Rothschild & Son</i>	15 00
"	"	<i>Bloch & Co</i>	40 60
"	"	<i>Dr. Isaiah Luzatto</i>	10 00
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	201 19
"	"	<i>Solomon Eppinger</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>Louis Aufrecht</i>	83 33
"	"	<i>M. H. Silverman</i>	10 00
"	"	<i>Joseph Krauskopf</i>	12 50
"	12.	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	12 25
"	"	<i>Jacob Ezekiel</i>	12 50
"	28.	<i>Lipman Levy, cash paid for exchange 25 cents, postage \$3, deposit of bonds \$1, one year's subscription for Hebrew Observer \$5.</i>	9 25
"	"	<i>Henry Adler, six months' interest on \$10,000 donation</i>	300 00
Dec.	4.	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	194 81
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	522 00
"	"	<i>Jacob Ezekiel</i>	108 10
"	"	<i>Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for November, '78.</i>	\$ 50 00
		<i>Cash paid for postage \$3, exchange 20 cents, express 25 cents.</i>	3 45
			53 45
"	17.	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	12 50
1879.			
Jan.	7.	<i>Solomon Levi</i>	563 33
"	"	<i>A. J. Friedlander</i>	32 05
"	"	<i>Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for December, '78.</i>	\$ 50 00
		<i>Cash paid for postage \$3, exchange 40 cents, expressage 65 cents, one year's subscription for Hebrew Leader \$5.</i>	9 05
			59 05
"	19.	<i>Lipman Levy, cash paid to members of the "Commission" for traveling expenses.</i>	194 00

DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

1879.

Feb.	1.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for January, '79...	\$ 50 00	
		Cash paid for postage \$10.24, stationery 85 cents, expressage 75 cents.....	11 84	61 84
"		Dr. Isaac M. Wise, one year's subscription for <i>Amer-</i> <i>ican Israelite and Deborah</i>	5 00	
"	4.	Solomon Levi	582 83	
"		A. J. Friedlander.....	42 35	
"		Jacob Ezekiel.....	9 60	
"	20.	Bloch & Co., printing and stationery.....	48 25	
March	4.	Solomon Levi.....	582 83	
"		A. J. Friedlander.....	61 20	
"		Dr. Isaac M. Wise.....	375 00	
"	6.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for February, '79...	\$ 50 00	
		Cash paid for postage \$12, exchange 65 cents, ex- pressage 25 cents.....	12 90	62 90
April	1.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for March, 1879...	50 00	
"	9.	Solomon Levi	582 83	
"		A. J. Friedlander.....	20 55	
May	1.	Lipman Levy, salary as Secretary for April, 1879....	\$ 50 00	
		Cash paid for deposit of bonds \$27, P. O. scales \$5, postage \$9, binding 25 cents, exchange 75 cents.	42 00	92 00
"	6.	Solomon Levi	583 83	
"		A. J. Friedlander.....	48 45	
"	29.	Henry Adler, six months' interest on \$10,000 dona- tion.....	300 00	
"		Jacob Levinson, one year's services as messenger....	25 00	
"	30.	Dr. I. M. Wise, advertising \$10, 200 extra copies <i>American Israelite</i> \$20, postage \$1.75.....	31 75	
Total.....				\$11,619 82

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Dues from Congregations	\$ 4,374 00
Annual Contributions.....	957 00
Donations to Sinking Fund	3,837 00
" Indigent Students' Fund.....	1,821 75
Bibles	174 00
Miscellaneous.....	2,647 73
Total Receipts.....	13,811 48
Balance in hands of Treasurer June 1, 1878.....	3,318 08
	<hr/> \$17,129 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing and Stationery	\$ 499 39
Postage, expressage and exchange.....	70 29

DISBURSEMENTS.—Continued.

Jewish periodicals.....	30 00	
Secretary's salary	600 00	
Invested in U. S. bonds	1,500 00	
Premium on " "	3 75	
Interest on Adler donation.....	600 00	
Expenses of Milwaukee Council	72 75	
" Commission appointed by Fifth Council	194 00	
Miscellaneous	114 30	
Payments ordered by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.....	7,935 34	
		<hr/> \$11,619 32
Balance in hands of Treasurer.....		\$ 5,509 74
(Of which \$3,055.77 belong to the General Fund and \$2,453.97 belong to the Sinking Fund).		
\$37,000.00 in U. S. 4 per cent. bonds belonging to the Sinking Fund, deposited with Cin- cinnati Safe Deposit Company; market value estimated. ..		38,110 00
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Total funds on hand		\$ 43,643 74
Subscriptions to Sinking Fund not yet collected		34,035 00
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Total assets		\$ 77,654 74

INDIGENT STUDENTS' FUND ACCOUNT.

Balance to credit of fund on June 1, 1878	\$ 4,669 37	
Appropriation by Fifth Council.....	3,500 00	
Donations received.....	1,821 75	
		<hr/> \$ 9,991 12
Disbursements by order of the Board of Gov- ernors		4,584 90
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Balance to credit of fund		\$ 5,406 22

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Appropriations by Executive Board.....	\$ 4,000 00	
Disbursements by order of Board of Governors..	2,248 76	
		<hr/>
Balance to credit of College.....		\$ 1,751 24

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE LIBRARY.

Appropriation by Fifth Council	\$ 500 00	
Disbursements by order Board of Governors.....	425 00	
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Balance to credit of Library.....		\$ 75 00

BIBLE FUND ACCOUNT.

Dr. Balance June 1, 1878.....	\$ 291 05
By amount received from sales.....	174 00
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Balance Dr.....	\$ 117 05

BIBLE ACCOUNT.

Number of Bibles on hand June 1, 1878	437
Sold.....	174
Furnished to Students of Hebrew Union College 5	179
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Number of Bibles on hand.....	258

In conclusion, I beg leave to tender my sincere thanks to the officers of the Union and of the Congregations who, by their co-operation, have materially assisted me in my endeavors to perform in a creditable manner the arduous duties devolving upon me.

Respectfully submitted,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—I beg leave to submit the following as my report for the fiscal year, ending May 31, 1879:

	General Fund.	Sinking Fund.
Balance in Treasurer's hands on June 1, 1878.....	\$ 3,197 36	\$ 120 72
Received from Lipman Levy, Secretary,	9,974 48	3,837 00
	<hr/> \$13,171 84	<hr/> \$ 3,957 72
Orders paid, Nos. 297 to 388, both inclusive.....	10,116 07	1,503 75
	<hr/> \$ 3,055 77	<hr/> \$ 2,453 97

Respectfully submitted,

SOLOMON LEVI,
Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College have the honor to submit to you, in accordance with Article VI., Section 9, of the Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, governing the Hebrew Union College and Board of Governors, their annual report of proceedings, accompanying therewith the report of the President of the College, for reference to the Sixth Annual Council of the U. A. H. C., which will convene in the city of New York, on Tuesday, the 8th day of July, 1879.

CINCINNATI, June 10, 1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Secretary received a communication from Rev. James K. Gutheim, stating his inability to take part in the examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College on the 24th of June, 1878, and it being ordered by the Council on the appointment of the Committee of Examiners that any two of the examiners were authorized to fill any vacancy that might occur in their number, the Secretary received communications from Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, and Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia, appointing Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, of Detroit, Mich., as an Examiner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. James K. Gutheim, of New Orleans, La.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, of Detroit, accepting the position of Examiner of the students in conjunction with Rev. Dr. Wolfenstein and Rev. S. Morais, stating that he would be in Cincinnati in due time for the examination.

Invitations to witness the annual examination having been extended to several of the reverend clergy of Cincinnati, the annexed note was received from Rev. Charles W. Wendte, of the Unitarian Church, in reply:

367 WEST SEVENTH STREET, }
CINCINNATI, June 22, 1878. }

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

DEAR SIR:—Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the annual examination of your admirable institution. Although unable to be present on that interesting occasion, I can not forbear expressing to you my hearty sympathy in the purpose and character of your College. As a fellow-Unitarian, believing with you that “the Lord our God is one Lord,” and that “beside Him there is none other,” it gives me great satisfaction to learn of the notable success attending your efforts to perpetuate the noble creed of Judaism, and to render still more accessible to us the treasures of Hebrew literature.

I hope to be present at the closing exercises next Sunday afternoon.

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES W. WENDTE,
Minister of the Unitarian Church.

In accordance with preceding orders, the Secretary of the Board of Governors issued the following programme for the annual examination and closing exercises of the students of the Hebrew Union College:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

CINCINNATI, Sivan 13—5638. June 14, 1878.

The annual examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College will commence on Monday, the 24th inst., at ten o'clock A. M., in the vestry-room of Plum Street Temple. The classes will be examined by the following gentlemen, appointed at the last session of the Council, viz.:

REV. DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN, of St. Louis, Mo.

REV. S. MORAIS, of Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. DR. H. ZIRNDORF, of Detroit, Mich.

ORDER OF EXAMINATION.

MONDAY—From 10 to 11 A. M., Thorah, Grade D,
“ 11 to 12 A. M., “ Grades C and B,
“ 2 to 3 P. M., Prophets, “ “ and “
Rev. Abraham Harris.
From 3 to 4 P. M., Mishnah, Grade D,
“ 4 to 5 P. M., Mechilta, “ “
Preceptor Solomon Eppinger.

TUESDAY, June 25th—Commencement Exercises Cincinnati High Schools, at Pike's Opera House, at 9 A. M.

WEDNESDAY—From 10 to 11 A. M., Prophets, Grade B.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal.

From 11 to 12 A. M., Mishnah, Grade C,

Preceptor S. Eppinger.

From 2 to 4 P. M., Mishnah, Grade B,

President Isaac M. Wise.

From 4 to 5 P. M., History,

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal.

THURSDAY—From 10 to 12 A. M., Talmud, Grade C,

Preceptor S. Eppinger.

From 2 to 5 P. M., Talmud, Grade B,

President Isaac M. Wise.

FRIDAY—Subjects at the pleasure of the Examiners.

Questions can be propounded to the students in the Hebrew and Aramaic Grammar by the Examiners in every lesson.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE,

Under the auspices of the A. B. I. Society.

אצילי בני ישראל

Assisted by the Choir of the Mound Street Temple, Professor Andre, Conductor.

To be held Sunday, June 30, 1878, at 2 1-2 p. m.,

AT EUREKA HALL.

Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Secretary Board of Governors, H. U. C.

FINAL MEETING.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, July 1, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the "Hebrew Union College" met in regular session at eight o'clock P. M., Solomon Levi, Esq., President *pro tem.*, in the Chair, and the following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Messrs. Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Max Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Solomon Levi, President *pro tem.*, stated that the annual examination of the students of the Hebrew Union College, preparatory classes, Grades B, C and D, commenced on Monday, the 24th day of June, 1878, at ten o'clock A. M., in the vestry-room of the Plum Street Temple, and continued until Thursday at five o'clock P. M., in full accordance with the programme arranged by the President of the College. The examination was conducted by Rev. Drs. Isaac M. Wise and Lilienthal. Preceptors, S. Eppinger and Rev. Abraham Harris. The students were critically examined by the Committee of Examiners, viz.: Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, of St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Mr. S. Morais, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Dr. Zirndorf, of Detroit, Mich.

The result of the examination will be made known at an early day by the Committee on Examination.

He also stated that the closing exercises of the students took place on Sunday, the 30th inst., at Eureka Hall, in the presence of a large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, of Detroit, Mich., opened the exercises with prayer. The choir of the Mound Street Temple was in attendance. The students acquitted themselves in carrying out the programme in a manner highly creditable to the College and their preceptors, and the exercises were closed with a well-timed address by Rev. S. Morais, of Philadelphia.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to Messrs. Freiberg and Workum for the use of Eureka Hall for the closing exercises of the Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Rev. S. Morais, Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf, examiners of the students, for their untiring efforts bestowed in the performance of the duty assigned them.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, for the satisfactory manner in which he has gratuitously discharged the responsible duties of his office, and for gratuitous services rendered as Professor of Grade B in the College during the past session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are eminently due and hereby extended to Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal for gratuitous services rendered as Professor of History, etc., in the Hebrew Union College during the past session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to Rev. Abraham Harris and Solomon Eppinger for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties as preceptors of the Hebrew Union College during the past session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to Drs. Rosenfeld and Aub for gratuitous professional services rendered to the students of our College during the past session.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, and Solomon Levi, Esq., President *pro tempore*, for the able and impartial manner in which they have presided over the deliberations of this Board; to the Secretary for the efficient and faithful performance of his duties during the past year.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to the "Kaal Kodesh Benai Yeshurun" for the gratuitous use of their school rooms for the Hebrew Union College purposes.

Resolved, That \$100 be paid to the Secretary of this Board for services rendered during his term of office.

Julius Freiberg, Esq., Chairman of the committee to whom was referred the matter of inquiring into the expediency of incorporating the Hebrew Union College, reported as follows:

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—Your special committee appointed on the 8th of June, 1878, to inquire into the expediency of incorporating the Hebrew Union College, beg leave to report: That your committee, in the discharge of the duty assigned them, have consulted able counsel on that important subject, and would briefly state that the Hebrew Union College has been organized under the fourteenth article of the Constitution of the "Union of the American Hebrew Congregations," which was incorporated under "An act to provide for the creation and regulation of incorporated companies in the State of Ohio," passed January 26, 1865, and the said "Union of American Hebrew Congregations" in the year 1875 passed a series of laws for the government of the said "Hebrew Union College." Section 2 of said laws provides for the creation of a Board of Governors for said College, and further provides, in Section 6, that the Executive

Board of the said "Union of American Hebrew Congregations" shall be *ex-officio* the trustees of the College property of every kind and the sole custodians and managers of finances, and shall alone receive and disburse the funds belonging to the College. Your committee are of the decided opinion that the Hebrew Union College is an integral part of the "Union of American Hebrew Congregations," and can only retain its organization under the laws, corporate powers and seal of said Union, which provides amply for all the purposes of the said "Hebrew Union College" in all its workings, and therefore do not deem it necessary to make any further inquiry into the expediency of incorporating the said "Hebrew Union College," and respectfully ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JULIUS FREIBERG,
A. J. FRIEDLANDER,
WILLIAM GOODHEART,
Committee.

CINCINNATI, July 1, 1878.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, the report was received and adopted, and committee discharged.

Bills for boarding indigent students, clothing, shoes, salaries, expenses of examination and closing exercises of students, etc., duly audited, amounting to \$979.48, of which amount \$510.40 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$469.08 to the General Fund for the current expenses of the College, were ordered to be paid.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal pronounced a blessing on the work of education that has been so successfully achieved by the students of the Hebrew Union College through the instrumentality of the Board of Governors, and to all who have so nobly contributed their means and labor for the promotion of education and the welfare of our institution; and, in parting with his colleagues, the members of the Board, on its final adjournment, he pronounced the blessing:

ברוך אתה כבאך וברוך אתה בצאתך:

The Board then adjourned.

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Secretary Board of Governors, H. U. C.

The following notice was issued by the Secretary convening the members-elect of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College :

CINCINNATI, July 29, 1878.

To the Members-Elect of the Board of Governors, H. U. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—The Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Article VI., Section 6, provides: "That the Board of Governors shall, on the second Monday in August, after their appointment, organize by the election of a President, Vice-President and Secretary, who shall each serve for one year, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified."

In pursuance thereof, please take notice that a meeting of the Board of Governors will be held on Monday, the 11th day of August, at half-past seven P. M., in the Plum Street Temple, Cincinnati, for the purpose of organizing the said Board, electing officers and appointing committees for the ensuing year.

Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Secretary Board of Governors, H. U. C.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, August 11, 1878. }

The Board of Governors-elect of the Hebrew Union College met to organize at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Julius Freiberg, A. J. Friedlander, Leopold Rosenfeld, Joseph Block, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal was called to the Chair and Jacob Ezekiel acted as Secretary.

The Chairman stated that he would receive nominations for President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Board of Governors.

The following gentlemen were nominated and elected by acclamation for the ensuing year, viz.: Bernhard Bettmann, Cincinnati, President; Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, Vice-President; Jacob Ezekiel, Cincinnati, Secretary.

Communications were received from Solomon Levi, of Cincinnati; B. Bamberger, of Indianapolis, and A. E. Frankland, of Memphis, stating their inability to be present at this meeting.

The Board proceeded to the election of President of the Hebrew Union College; whereupon Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise was nominated and unanimously elected.

The Secretary stated that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations informing him that the following-named gentlemen were duly elected at the Fifth Annual Council of the U. A. H. C., held at Milwaukee, and constitute the Board of Governors for 1878-79:

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1879.

Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Jacob Ezekiel,	Cincinnati, O.
A. J. Friedlander,	" "
Julius Freiberg,	" "
S. Ullman,	Louisville, Ky.
M. A. Rosenblatt,	St. Louis, Mo.
A. E. Frankland,	Memphis, Tenn.
Rev. Dr. Huebsch,	New York.

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1880.

Rev. George Jacobs,	Philadelphia, Pa.
William Goodheart,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal,	" "
Nathan Bloom,	Louisville, Ky.
Solomon Levi,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. Sonneschien,	St. Louis, Mo.
Moritz Ellinger,	New York.
Leopold Rosenfeld,	Cincinnati, O.

TERM TO EXPIRE IN 1881.

Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil,	New York.
Bernhard Bettmann,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. David Einhorn,	New York.
Samuel Ullman,	Natchez, Miss.
Joseph Block,	Cincinnati, O.
Herman Bamberger,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Abraham Stein,	New York.
Rev. Dr. Gutheim,	New Orleans, La.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, a committee of three were appointed to ascertain the standing of the students of the Hebrew Union College in the Cincinnati High Schools and report at a subsequent meeting.

The President appointed the following committee: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander and Leopold Rosenfeld.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of this Board, the President of the College and Secretary be constituted a committee of correspondence on the application of those who may desire to become indigent students to the College for the ensuing session.

Several communications of inquiry were read from young men desirous of becoming students of the College for the next session. Also from Isidor Binswanger, Esq., President of the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum at Philadelphia; and Rev. Dr. S. Wolfenstein, Superintendent of the Jewish Orphan Asylum at Cleveland, O., on the same subject.

The Secretary was requested to communicate with the gentlemen in reply to their several communications, giving all the information desired.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the salary of the Secretary of this Board be fixed at \$150 for the present year.

Bills for salaries, etc., duly audited, amounting to \$217.54, were ordered to be paid, of which amount \$49.75 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$167.79 to the General Fund for current expenses of the College.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, August 26, 1876. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in special session at half-past seven P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Julius Freiberg, Joseph Block, Solomon Levi, William Goodheart, Leopold Rosenfeld, A. J. Friedlander, Bernhard Bettmann and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. I. M. Wise, President of the College, also present, and presented the following report, which was read, viz.:

שלום רב לאוהבי תורתך:

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, August 26, 1878. }

To the President and Officers of the Board of Governors, H. U. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to report to your honorable body that I am fully prepared to open the Preparatory Department of the H. U. C. in its four grades, on Monday next, at four P. M., in obedience to your laws.

The curriculum and division of time having been laid down in my last annual report, I call your attention to the same, with the proviso, if the number of new students should be larger than expected that some modification thereof might be necessary. As the prospect is now, we need no more than two preceptors, provided they be elected, as was originally the case, to teach fifteen hours weekly, and provided the Rev. Dr. Lienthal will again volunteer to give us his valuable assistance.

I propose for election Mr. Solomon Eppinger and Mr. Louis Aufrecht, the former with the title of Preceptor of Rabbinical Literature, and the latter as Preceptor of Hebrew Literature. I would also propose that Mr. Eppinger, having served three years to your satisfaction, be elected without limitation of time.

The division of time will be completed as soon as the preceptors are elected.

All the new furniture that may be required is one table similar to those now in use and one more book-case.

In regard to the library, I beg leave to report that Mr. Isaac Rubinstein has made a catalogue, which is at your command:

1. Of all books which were in the library up to July 1, 1878;
2. Of all books which I have purchased since then and delivered to him; and
3. Of all books ordered from Europe, in consequence of the resolution of the Council appropriating \$500 for the purchase of books.

I will not be able to place before you the complete bill for the said books before they have all been received from Europe, and would request you to pass me \$40 more on account, as I have already paid out over \$100 for that purpose, and have received in July \$40. On receipt of all the books I will render full account.

It is my mournful duty, gentlemen, to report to you the untimely death of one of our students, Moses S. Hahn, of Grade C, who died the 21st inst. in Memphis, where he had gone to spend his vacation. The deceased was a promising and very talented lad, whose demise I sincerely lament.

In conclusion, permit me to state that I have not proposed the name of the Rev. Mr. Harris for re-election as preceptor, simply because the gentleman has left the city, and it is not certain whether he will return.

The Committee on Discipline, I think, should take action and establish definite rules as to requirements of students in behavior and attendance, to be made known to the students, together with the penalty consequent on violation thereof.

Gentlemen, I am with due respect,

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

The President appointed the following standing committees for the current year, viz.:

On Course of Study, Text Books and Library—Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, of Cincinnati, Chairman; Rev. Dr. David Einhorn, of New York; Mr. Moritz Ellinger, of New York; Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, of New York; Rev. Dr. J. K. Gutheim, of New Orleans; Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, of St. Louis.

On Examination and Discipline—Mr. Julius Freiberg, of Cincinnati, Chairman; Mr. A. E. Frankland, of Memphis; Rev. Dr. Adolph Huebsch, of New York; Rev. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia; Mr. Samuel Ullman, of Natchez, Miss.; Mr. Bernhard Bettmann, of Cincinnati.

On Buildings and Supplies—Mr. A. J. Friedlander, of Cincinnati, Chairman; Mr. Herman Bamberger, of Indianapolis; Mr. Joseph Block, of Cincinnati; Mr. Nathan Bloom, of Louisville; Ky.; Mr. Wm. Goodheart, of Cincinnati; Mr. M. A. Rosenblatt, of St. Louis, Mo.

On Accommodation, Salaries and Claims—Mr. Solomon Levi, of Cincinnati, Chairman; Mr. Josiah Cohen, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Jacob Ezekiel, of Cincinnati, O.; Mr. Abraham Stein, of New York; Mr. Samuel Ullman, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Leopold Rosenfeld, of Cincinnati.

The President stated that he placed Cincinnatians as chairmen of the several committees, that each might communicate with his committee on any matter appertaining to that committee, so as to be enabled to report to the Board.

On motion of Solomon Levi, it was resolved that the Precep-

tors of the Hebrew Union College teach fifteen hours weekly in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the College.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, it was resolved, first, that so much of the message of the President of the College as refers to the behavior and attendance of the students be referred to the Committee on Examination and Discipline; second, that so much of the message as relates to the curriculum be referred to the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books, etc.

Resolved, That an order be issued to Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise for the sum of forty dollars on account of the appropriation made by the last Council for the purchase of books for the use of the College.

In accordance with the recommendation of the President of the College, Mr. Solomon Eppinger was duly elected as Preceptor of Rabbinical Literature, and Mr. Louis Aufrecht as Preceptor of Hebrew Literature, in the College for the ensuing year at a salary of one thousand dollars each, payable monthly.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise having kindly volunteered his services as Professor of Talmud, etc., in the Hebrew Union College, the Board of Governors accept the same and hereby tender thanks for his kind offer.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal has also tendered his valuable services gratuitously as Professor of History and Prophets in the College, which were duly accepted, and the thanks of this Board are hereby tendered to him for his liberal offer.

DEATH OF MOSES S. HAHN.

The President of the Hebrew Union College having announced the untimely death of Moses S. Hahn, one of the students in Grade C, who died at Memphis, Tenn., on the 21st inst., of the prevailing epidemic, the Board of Governors expressed their deep sympathy with the relatives and friends of the deceased in the loss sustained of one whose future in life was so promising, and whose death they and this Board sincerely deplore.

FREE SCHOLARSHIPS.

The following communications were received from the Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum at Philadelphia, and the I. O. B. B. Orphan Asylum at Cleveland, O., which were read, viz.:

JEWISH FOSTER HOME AND ORPHAN ASYLUM, }
PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 19, 1878. }

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—In accordance with the recommendation of I. Binswanger, Esq., President of the J. F. H. and O. A. of Philadelphia, Pa., a resolution was passed at a meeting of the Board of Managers, instructing me to inform you that the Board has availed itself of the privilege to accept the free scholarship offered to one of the boys of our institution, and that they have selected and hereby respectfully recommend Louis S. Straus, aged thirteen years.

The Board of Managers take pleasure in testifying to his moral character, as well as to his good qualifications as a scholar, which is further attested by accompanying certificates.

I am further requested to state that Louis S. Straus will present himself at Cincinnati for admission on or before September 2, 1878. Be pleased to accept the thanks of the Board of Managers for your kind and prompt attention.

Very respectfully yours,

LOUIS MAYER,

Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 22, 1878.

This is to certify that I have examined Louis S. Straus, a candidate for admission to Grade D, of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati.

I find him able to translate the book of Genesis (בראשית), that he has a fair knowledge of Jewish History to the end of the first book of Kings, and that in Hebrew Grammar he is able to conjugate the regular verbs (שלמים). I also certify that he has been a pupil of the high school of the city of Philadelphia for the past twelve months, holding a creditable position in his class.

GEORGE JACOBS.

I. O. B. B. ORPHAN ASYLUM, }
CLEVELAND, O., July 23, 1878. }

J. Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary H. U. C.:

DEAR SIR:—It affords me great pleasure in informing you that the Board of Trustees and Directors of the Orphan Asylum are again able to recommend one of its orphans for the free scholarship which the Union of A. H. C. so generously offered to the various orphans' homes of this country.

Moses Jacobson is the name of the boy who will present himself in due time before the President of the College for examination.

Most respectfully yours,
DR. S. WOLFENSTEIN,
Secretary.

The following applications were also received for admission to the College for the ensuing year, viz.:

Louis M. Myers, of Springfield, Ill., who furnishes testimonials as to his character and standing in the high school.

Joseph Stolz, Syracuse, N. Y., has forwarded testimonials of his character and standing in the high school, and Hebrew qualifications.

The above applications were referred to the special committee appointed at the last meeting, who submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

CINCINNATI, O., August 26, 1878.

To the Board of Governors of the H. U. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee to whom were referred the various applications for indigent scholarships, after obtaining through correspondence the various certificates and recommendations which accompany and are made part of this report, beg leave to recommend for admission, provided, however, they first pass the necessary examination:

Moses Jacobson from I. O. B. B. Orphan Asylum, Cleveland.

Louis S. Straus from Jewish Foster Home and Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia.

Louis M. Myers from Springfield, Ill.

Joseph Stolz from Syracuse, New York.

We have no papers of other applicants that would justify us in recommending their admission.

Respectfully submitted,
 ISAAC M. WISE,
 JACOB EZEKIEL,
 B. BETTMANN,
 Committee.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Henry Adler that, in accordance with the laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, he is entitled to an honorary membership in this Board. Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
 CINCINNATI, September 2, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ o'clock P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair. The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Bernhard Bettmann, Julius Freiberg, William Goodheart, Joseph Block, Leopold Rosenfeld, Jacob Ezekiel. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

Minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, stated that the fourth session of the Hebrew Union College, in the four preparatory grades, D, C, B and A, were duly opened this day in the vestry-rooms of the Temple B'nai Yeshurun, and twenty-five students registered their names, who were assigned to their respective grades, and that he will be able, in his next monthly report, to furnish the state of the College in detail.

Mr. Isaac Rubenstein, to whom has been assigned the duty, in conjunction with the Secretary of this Board, to arrange, catalogue and have re-bound the books belonging to the College Library, submitted his report, which was read and ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the President of the College be requested to prepare a code of rules necessary to be observed in order to se-

cure the proper use and return of all books belonging to the College Library.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That Mr. Isaac Rubenstein be appointed Librarian for the present year, and allowed fifty dollars for his services.

The President stated that Mr. Louis Aufrecht had arranged suitable accommodations for our indigent students, such as to give them a comfortable home at all times.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Supplies purchase suitable articles and have prepared proper arrangements for gymnastic exercises for the students on Mr. Aufrecht's premises.

On motion of Joseph Block, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Supplies purchase two copies of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary (last edition), two copies of Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, one copy of English and German Dictionary, and sufficient ink-stands and stationery for the use of the students at their dormitory.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Supplies be requested to ascertain if other suitable rooms for the use of the College can be procured, and report at a subsequent meeting.

Bills amounting to \$290.58, of which \$25.00 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$265.58 to the General Fund, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid.

The following communication from Mr. Joseph Krauskopf was received and read:

CINCINNATI, September 2, 1878.

To the Honorable Board of Governors of H. U. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—Being desirous of making my own way, if possible, and having made a beginning thereto, I respectfully request your honorable body to give me a support for the ensuing year of \$150. and to withdraw my name from the list of boarders at your expense. This will enable me to graduate in the College and to be admitted to the University by July next, from which time onward I shall be able to support myself entirely. Hoping that this request will meet with your favor,

I remain yours, with greatest respect,

JOSEPH KRAUSKOPF.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the reasons assigned to this Board for the failure of Joseph Krauskopf to pass at the last annual examination of Hughes High School have been sufficient. The Board of Governors hereby grant his request in above communication on the probationary term of the present scholastic year.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the name of Chas. Silverman be stricken from the roll of students of the Hebrew Union College, on account of his failure to pass at the last annual examination of Hughes High School.

Adjourned.

VESTRY-ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, September 30, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven o'clock P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., in the chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Joseph Block, Jacob Ezekiel, Julius Freiberg, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lihenthal, Leopold Rosenfeld. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, submitted the following monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

CINCINNATI, O., September 30, 1878.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors,
H. U. C.:*

GENTLEMEN:—Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for yourselves and families on the New Year, 5639 A. M., which I pray to the Almighty may open for you a long series of happy years in health, wealth and contentment, crowned with success in your public functions and your private enterprises.

It is to-day my pleasant duty to report to your honorable body the completion of the Preparatory Department of the H. U. C. The first Monday of this month, according to your regulations, the said department was opened in its fourth year, with the four

Grades, A, B, C and D, as the laws of the Union of A. H. C. prescribed from the start, only that more was done than the curriculum originally proposed to do.

The Preceptors' work for the ensuing year is as follows:

Preceptor Aufrecht teaches Hebrew Grammar and Bible (beginning with Exodus and I. Samuel) in Grades C and D, RASHI to Exodus xix., and Mishnah (beginning with PIRKE ABOOTH) in Grade D, and will, after this, take a class in Jewish history.

Preceptor Eppinger teaches Mishnah BERACHOTH, with the Bartinura commentary, in Grade C, preparing the class for Talmud reading; and Talmud BERACHOTH from 13 *a*) and Aramaic Grammar; also Mishnah Yoma in Grade B.

Rev. Dr. Lilienthal will take history in the upper grades from a German text-book, in order to combine with the study of Jewish history also practical lessons in the German language. The German text-books, ordered from Leipzig, I expect will arrive within a few days, and then the history lessons will commence.

Rev. Abraham Harris, having been elected rabbi of the Congregation Beth Ahava, of Richmond, Va., I was obliged to take both his place and mine as Preceptor in Grades A and B. I teach Syriac Grammar, with a review and comparison of the Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars, also Isaiah and Ezra in Grades A and B (viz.: from Isaiah xl. and onward), also Pentateuch, with TARGUM and RASHI, once a week in the same grades. In Grade A alone I teach the section CHELEK from Talmud *Sanhedrin*; with special reference to Homiletics, and section ELU TEREFOETH from Talmud *Chulin*, with reference to Anatomy and Physiology and casuistics of ISSUR VE-HETTER.

I can not report quantity this time, as all the studies in the various grades have just been started. I can only add that the Preceptors and students (with the exception of Isaac Rubenstein, who was absent from the city for two weeks) were punctually at their posts, and no complaint in regard to discipline has been made.

The students are graded as follows:

GRADE A.

1. Israel Aaron, Pennsylvania.
2. Henry Berk witz, Pennsylvania.
3. Nathan Cohen, Tennessee.
4. Joseph Krauskopf, Massachusetts.
5. David Philipson, Ohio.
6. Isaac Rubenstein, Russia.
7. Alexander F. Ullman, Missouri.

Four of whom are also students of the University, viz.: Aaron, Berkowitz, Cohn and Ullman, and the remaining three are in the last year of preparation for the same.

GRADE B.

1. Ludwig Grossman, New York.
2. Sigmund Klein, Hungary.
3. Wm. Loewenberg, Pennsylvania.
4. Moritz Sachs, Illinois.
5. Joseph Silverman, Cincinnati.
6. Henry Schuhl, Cincinnati.

The latter has not been registered as yet, on account of his inability to attend regularly just now, he being Cantor of K. K. B'nai Israel in this city.

GRADE C.

1. George W. Harris, Cincinnati.
2. Henry Messing, California.
3. Louis M. Myers, Springfield, Ill.
4. Charles Silverman, Cincinnati.
5. Joseph Stolz, Syracuse, N. Y.
6. Nathan Wolfenstein, Cincinnati.

GRADE D.

1. Moses Jacobson, Syracuse, N. Y.
2. Louis Loewenstein, Cincinnati.
3. Ludwig Myers, Springfield, Ill.
4. Louis Rauh, Cincinnati.
5. Frank Salinger, Cincinnati.
6. Michael Simon, Cincinnati.
7. Joseph Stolz, Syracuse, N. Y.
8. Louis S. Straus, Philadelphia.
9. Benjamin Bing, Cincinnati.

Myers and Stolz being graduates of high schools, respectively of Springfield, Ill., and Syracuse, N. Y., and too young, in my estimation, for University studies, I have placed them simultaneously in Grades C and D, to make both in one year. The Preceptors, Eppinger and Aufrecht, give them extra instruction daily from 3 to 4 p. m. The Preceptors' report to me so far indicates that they will succeed in this new arrangement.

Another student, Mr. Fleischman, of St. Louis, Mo., also registered, but has withdrawn, having taken a position in the Cleveland Orphan Asylum.

As a summary of this report it may be stated: The Preparatory Department is organized in its four grades; it has twenty-four students. The curriculum comprises three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac; from the Bible—Pentateuch, I. Samuel, Isaiah and Ezra, with Targum and Rashi to Pentateuch; from

the Mishnah—Aboth, Berachoth and Yoma; from the Talmud—Berachoth, Sanhedrin and Chulin, and the whole history of Israel *in breve*. We start, with these subjects, the present scholastic year; the progress made will be reported monthly.

Gentlemen, I have the honor to be

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President H. U. C.

An application from Sigmund Klein, of Hungary, to be admitted as an indigent student of the College, was received, with the certificate from Mr. E. Coy, Principal of Hughes' High School.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was resolved that Sigmund Klein be admitted as an indigent student of the Hebrew Union College on probation until the next regular meeting of this Board.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Solomon Levi, Esq., tendered their excuses for absence at the last meeting.

The President stated that the President of the Executive Board (Moritz Loth, Esq.) turned over to him a request from the Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel, New York, for twenty-five Bibles to be furnished for the use of the school, which request ought to have been made to the Board of Governors. He further stated that to avoid any unnecessary delay he ordered the twenty-five Bibles to be forwarded at once, and now asks to have his action ratified by this Board, and that an order be passed for \$25 to pay for said Bibles.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was resolved that the action of the President of this Board in forwarding twenty-five Bibles to the Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel be ratified, and order of \$25 be passed to pay for the same, payable to the Executive Board.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was resolved that Mr. Solomon Levi be requested to effect an insurance on books and furniture of the College of \$2,000 against loss or damage by fire.

Bills amounting to \$654.24, of which \$389.58 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$264.66 to the General Fund, for current expenses of the College, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, November 4, 1878. }

The Board of Governors met in regular session at half-past seven P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present: Bernhard Bettmann, Joseph Block, Leopold Rosenfeld, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, William Goodheart, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, Henry Adler, Esq., and Rev. Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, of Louisville, were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, submitted the following monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz. :

CINCINNATI, November 1, 1878.

To the Board of Governors, H. U. C.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—In obedience to the laws and regulations governing this College, I have the honor to report that there are now in the College daily twenty-four students, seven in Grade A, five in Grade B, six in Grade C, six in Grade D, and one, S. C. Weill, of Wilmington, N. C., asks for admittance. I place before you the certificate given to the candidate by the congregation officially.

The discipline of the College was well observed; no disturbance of any kind took place. The deportment of the students was excellent and the attendance punctual.

In regard to the progress made there are yet two or three in the College who do not come up to the standard, although they may before the end of the year; all the others, however, make excellent progress.

The Preceptors are punctual and conscientious at their respective posts. Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has commenced this month to teach Jewish history in all classes, in two divisions, four lessons weekly. Preceptor Sol. Eppinger has taught this year: Talmud in B from 13 *a* to 18 *b* in Berachoth; Talmud in C, four pages in *Bera*; Mishnah in B Yoma four, and Baba Kama five, nine Perakim, Mishnah in C Berachoth and Taanith, thirteen Perakim, Aramaic Grammar in B review.

Preceptor Aufrecht has taught this year: Thorah in D and C—Seven chapters of Exodus; Samuel in D and C—Ten chapters of I. Samuel; Hebrew Grammar in D and C; Reading rules and

the whole verb *Aboth* in D two *Perakim*; Rashi in D—Nineteenth Chapter of Exodus.

I have taught this year *Ezra* and *Nehemiah* complete, and *Isaiah* from xl. to lviii. in Grades A and B; Syriac Grammar, the noun and the *KAL* of the regular verb in A and B; Talmud in *Chelek* ten pages and in *Chulin* nine pages in Grade A. This goes slow on account of the technical terms in Anatomy, and the different organs of the animal must be seen before the student can understand those various expositions and prescriptions. I have the honor, gentlemen, to remain

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

On motion of Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That Charles Silverman be admitted as a student to the College on probation for one month.

The following communication was received from Isaac Rubenstein:

CINCINNATI, October 18, 1878.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors
H. U. C.*

GENTLEMEN:—Having had the privilege of receiving instruction, aided by your kindness and favors, it is with pleasure that I tender you my heartfelt thanks. From the start it was my aim to make use of the generous bounty offered to me only as long as necessity compelled; the time has now come when I am able with but a slight assistance to continue the course laid out. I, therefore, beg leave to withdraw my name from the list of indigent students. Notwithstanding that I am now under my own responsibility, I hope to realize the ardent wish of the Board of Governors and Preceptors of the College.

Hoping that my action will meet with your approval, I am

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC RUBENSTEIN.

On motion, the above communication was referred to a committee consisting of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Bernhard Bettmann and Solomon Levi, to report at the next regular meeting.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Sigmund Klein was duly admitted as an indigent student to the Hebrew Union College.

The following communication was received and read from the officers of the Congregation Temple of Israel, of Wilmington,

N. C., petitioning for the admission of Master Solomon C. Weill to the College.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, }
 TEMPLE OF ISRAEL. }

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 27, 1878

To all whom it may concern.

GREETING :

We, the undersigned, Board of Directors of the Congregation "Temple of Israel," beg leave to introduce to you our young friend, Master Solomon C. Weill, son of our co-religionist and brother, Abraham Weill, Esq., who is desirous of taking advantage of the superior branches of study of your most honored institution. Permit us to give testimony to his high moral worth and fine conception for learning, and by your kind efforts he undoubtedly will become an ornament to your institution and an honor to Judaism. We are respectfully

Your obedient servants,

S. MENDELSON, *Rabbi.*

SAL. BEAR, *President.*

HENRY BRUNHILD, *Treasurer.*

S. H. FISHBLATE, *Director.*

F. RHEINSTEIN, "

A. DAVID, "

M. M. KATZ, "

J. I. MACK, "

[SEAL.]

NATHAN MAYER, *Secretary.*

On motion of Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, it was

Resolved, That Solomon C. Weill, of Wilmington, N. C., be admitted as a student to the Hebrew Union College, if deemed eligible by the President thereof, and possessed of the necessary qualifications.

The following communication was received from Rev. Dr. Gottheil, of the Temple Emanuel, New York City, which was read, viz.:

NEW YORK, October 31, 1878.

Jacob Ezekiel, Esq., Secretary Board of Governors Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O.

DEAR SIR:—I think it advisable that the summons to the meeting of the Board of Governors be accompanied by a statement of the subjects that will engage their attention. As at present the summons is objectless, inasmuch as those members

living at a distance can not possibly respond to it; but if they knew what is to come up for discussion or decision they might in so far take a part in the work, as they could communicate their views in writing. Will you kindly draw the attention of the Board to this matter? In case my suggestion is acted upon, the notices of the meeting should be issued earlier than at present, so as to afford time for letters to reach the Board before the meeting.

I should further like to know whether the amended Constitution and By-Laws have yet been printed in a separate form. If not, will you please mention this to the Board likewise?

Yours truly,

G. GOTTHEIL.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to reply to the above communication, giving all the necessary information required.

A communication was received and read from M. J. Cohn, Calcutta, India, desiring passage to this country and to be admitted as a student to the Hebrew Union College. On motion of Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, the communication was ordered to be filed.

A communication from Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary of the Executive Board, relative to the publication of the Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, desiring the rules and regulations of the Board of Governors and the Hebrew Union College to be incorporated in said publication.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish a copy of such rules and regulations as are now governing the Board of Governors and College to the Secretary of the Executive Board for publication.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library, in conjunction with the President of the College, be instructed to report at the next regular meeting of this Board, a list of such periodicals as it may be advisable to subscribe to for the use of the students.

On motion of Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, it was

Resolved, That the President of the College be requested to purchase six copies of *Rashi*, of uniform edition, for the use of the students.

A code of rules and regulations were adopted for the govern-

ment of the students of the Hebrew Union College, under the guardianship of the Board of Governors, and ordered to be recorded.

Sundry accounts, duly audited, amounting to \$862.96 were ordered to be paid, of which amount \$500.51 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$362.45 to the General Fund for current expenses of the College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOMS PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, December 20, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Leopold Rosenfeld, William Goodheart, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. Max. Lilienthal and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, stated that the progress of the students at the College in all the grades was unexceptionable. The Preceptors were uniformly at their posts. That Elijah Wise, of Louisiana, a former student of the College, has returned, having been detained on account of the prevalence of the yellow fever in his section of the country.

The President of the College recommended an examination of the students in the various grades to take place on Monday and Tuesday, December 23d and 24th inst., commencing each day at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Governors concur with the recommendation of the President of the College, and that the semi-annual examination of the students in all the grades shall take place in the vestry-rooms of the Plum Street Temple on Monday and Tuesday, the 23d and 24th of December, 1878, commencing each day at 4 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Chairman of each of the several Stand-

ing Committees submit at every regular monthly meeting a list of all bills contracted for purposes over which the respective Committees have control, and that all orders for the payment of such bills shall be drawn in favor of its Chairman.

The Committee appointed at the meeting of this Board held on the 4th ult., to whom was referred the communication of Isaac Rubenstein, not being able to report, asked indulgence to report at the next meeting.

A communication was read from the K. K. B'nai Yeshurun recommending the purchase of stoves for heating the College in the vestry-rooms of the Temple.

On motion of Solomon Levi, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Buildings and Supplies be requested to act in conjunction with the Committees on the part of the "Talmud Yelodim Institute" in the purchase of suitable stoves for the use of the College and Institute, in the vestry-rooms of the Plum Street Temple, and the expenses thus incurred to be paid equally by both institutions.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to furnish a report of all money expended by order of this Board, for the current six months, at the next meeting.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise submitted a code of laws to govern the Hebrew Union College Library, which, on motion, was referred to the "Committee on Course of Study and Library," to report at the next meeting.

A communication was received from Lewis N. Dembitz, Esq., of Louisville, Ky., one of the Commission appointed at the last meeting of the Council of American Hebrew Congregations to devise the necessary plans for instruction for all the institutions under the control of the Union, etc., asking for information relative to the payment of traveling expenses of the members of the Commission to attend the meeting of said Convention at Philadelphia, on the 30th day of December, 1878.

The members of the Board of Governors expressed their opinions severally, that, as the Council appointed the said Commission without making any appropriation for the payment of expenses which might be incurred by the members of the Commission for traveling, etc., to attend its meetings, that it will

be the duty of the Executive Board at its semi-annual meeting in January, 1879, to make the necessary appropriation for paying such expenses, etc., as may have been incurred.

The Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library, who were instructed to report "a list of such periodicals as may be deemed advisable to subscribe to for the use of the College," were granted further time to make their report.

A communication was received from Rev. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia, suggesting the following, viz.:

First. That no itemized statement be published of the expenses of or for the indigent students. It is sufficient, if the Auditing Committee see that the various charges are supported by proper vouchers, instead of laying before the public the fact that a comb or tooth-brush has been purchased for such and such a student.

Second. That the names of indigent pupils, or applicants to become such, be not published, otherwise there will be the drawing of invidious distinctions between the self-supporting and the non-supporting pupils, and placing the stamp of pauper on some, perhaps never to be effaced.

The Board of Governors concurring with the suggestions made by Rev. George Jacobs in the communication, the Secretary was requested to conform therewith in the future.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Standing Committees prepare a statement of the amount of money that may be required by such committee for expenditures for the current expenses of the College for the ensuing six months, and report at the next regular meeting of this Board.

Bills amounting to \$824.91, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, of which amount \$523.14 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund and \$301.77 to the current expenses of the College.

Adjourned to meet Monday, the 9th inst., at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

VESTRY-ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, December 9, 1878. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in special session at half-past seven o'clock P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Leopold Rosenfeld, Wm. Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel. Henry Adler, Esq., was also present.

The report of the committee appointed at a meeting of this Board held on the 4th ult., consisting of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Bernhard Bettmann and Solomon Levi, Esqs., to take into consideration the communication from Isaac Rubenstein, was received, which report, with resolutions annexed, were unanimously adopted.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library be requested to appoint a suitable Librarian for the Hebrew Union College Library, subject to the approval of the Board.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, suggesting that the examination of the students shall take place on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, the 21st and 22d of December, instead of Monday and Tuesday, the 23d and 24th insts., as resolved at the last meeting of this Board.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the suggestions of the President of the College be acquiesced in.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That hereafter the quarterly reports of the students of the Hebrew Union College, attending the Cincinnati High Schools and University shall be given to the President of the Board of Governors, who shall submit the same to the Board at their next meeting, then to be sent to the President of the College to be recorded.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the President of this Board, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, and Solomon Levi constitute a committee to revise the laws and regulations governing the Board of Governors and the Hebrew Union College, to report the same to this Board for consideration, and action of the Executive Board at its next session.

Solomon Levi, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Salaries, Accommodations, etc., presented a bill of twelve dollars, being

three months' salary for the Librarian of the H. U. C., which was ordered to be paid.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Superintendent of students of the Hebrew Union College, under the guardianship of the Board of Governors, be requested to submit at every monthly meeting of this Board a report of the demeanor of the students under his charge, in accordance with Article XII. of the Regulations governing the students, adopted by this Board on the 4th of November, 1878.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, O., January 6, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., in the Chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, President; Julius Freiberg, A. J. Friedlander, Leopold Rosenfeld and Jacob Ezekiel.

Minutes of the last regular and special meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, of St. Louis, stating his inability to attend the meeting of the Board; also, from Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, and Solomon Levi, Esq., tendering excuses for absence.

The following monthly report from Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, was received and read, and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: — With my best wishes to each and all of you for the year 1879, and many more years of health and happiness, I have the honor to report the present standing of the Hebrew Union College.

The number of students in daily attendance is twenty-six. Master Weill, of Wilmington, N. C., having been admitted on examination to Grade D, he being a student of the high school, Grade D, and prepared in Hebrew by Preceptor Aufrecht. There are two among the students, Masters Bing and Frankel, both Cincinnatians, the former in Grade D and the latter in

Grade C, who could not be regularly registered, because they were not yet admitted to the high school, although they are keeping up well in their respective Grades, for whom I ask a special permit of the Board to be retained in their respective Grades, as both of them are at work to gain admission to the high school in proper time. The attendance of the students is punctual without exception, and the conduct is exemplary.

The Preceptors, it affords me pleasure to report, are invariably at their posts in proper time and prove to be successful and conscientious teachers. The relations between Preceptors and students are of a very pleasant nature, so that the discipline of the College is about the same as in any well-regulated family, enforced by mutual respect and a keen sense of duty. There are, perhaps, few scholastic institutions in the land in which less governing is done, the same cordiality and good order is maintained, as in this College.

As regards success in the studies, I expect that you, in the last examination, have convinced yourselves that the subjects are well-known and understood by the students, as far as the examination reached, and I have the honor to-day to invite the Board to an examination of the subjects not reached in the last examination, to be held any time the Board may appoint in the month of January. Therefore, I limit my report to the quantity only, which is as follows:

I.—*Bible and Hebrew Grammar, Grades D and C.*

Exodus, i. to xvi.; I. Samuel, i. to xv.; Rashi to Exodus, xix and xx.; Hebrew Grammar, punctuation and verb complete. Grades B and A: Isaiah, xl. to lxvi.; Daniel, i. to viii.; Ezra and Nehemiah; Exodus with Rashi and Targum select passages; review of Hebrew and Aramaic Grammars.

II.—*Mishnah and Aramaic Grammar.*

Grade D: Aboth complete, Sanhedrin commenced. Grade C. Berachoth, Rosh Hashonah and Taanith, Yoma commenced: Grade B: Yoma, four chapters, Baba Kama, ten chapters, and Baba Mezia three chapters

III.—*Talmud.*

Grade C: Berachoth, six pages. Grade B: Berachoth, to page 28 b. Grade A: Cholin, 42 a to 50 b, and Sanhedrin 90 a to 97 b.

IV.—*History.*

Grades D and C, from Zerubabel to 145 B. C. Grades B and A, from Zerubabel to 150 A. C.

V.—*Syriac.*

Grades B and A: Reading, and in Grammar the noun and the regular verb. In connection with the Syriac the Aramaic Grammar is also reviewed.

With the help of God we enter upon the second semester of the fourth scholastic year of this department, encouraged, I think, by the results of the past and the good wishes of all members of the Union of A. H. C., as well as of all good men outside thereof, who wish "that the law be not forgotten in Israel." The help of God will be with you, the teachers and the students, to accomplish successfully to the glory of God and the honor of Israel that which has been attempted, under the pressure of relentless opposition, with so much zeal and earnest work.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

The members of the Board expressed much gratification at the success of the College, in accordance with the report of the President.

The monthly report of the Superintendent of students of the Hebrew Union College was received and read. The report shows several violations of the rules and regulations governing the students under his charge.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the report be referred to the Committee on Examination and Discipline, with power to act.

A communication was received from Isaac Rubenstein, which was read and ordered to be filed.

The following communication was received from Dr. Isaiah Luzzatto, of Padua, Italy, which was read and referred to the Committee on "Course of Study, Text Books and Library."

JACOB EZEKIEL, Secretary H. U. C.,
CINCINNATI, O. }

PADUA, ITALY, December 1, 1878.

RESPECTED SIR:—Your Rabbinical College came to life a year after that of Padua died with the death of two professors, who had made it famous. I was, therefore, highly gratified by the announcement which my friend, the Rev. S. Morais, gave me regarding the establishing of your institution, and by your esteemed favor, inclosing the amount due for the books. That sum, arriving from the other side of the ocean, aids me in the

publication of unedited writings of my sainted father. I deem the circumstance a direction of Providence, and feel compelled to repeat with my venerated parent, "I believe in God and I am an optimist." Such an interchange of thoughts—and if the means by which I can effect it—between Padua and Cincinnati has something of the poetical; I am deeply touched. What satisfaction would it have been to my father to see his works studied in America by his co-religionists.

I am happy to learn that your College is in a prosperous condition, and whatever you will be pleased to communicate in regard to it, I will cheerfully publish in Israelitish journals. One of these, whose editor lives in Corfu, Greece, but the printing of which is done at Padua, under my direction and co-operation offers occasionally some Hebrew writings; hence, I took the liberty of forwarding the last number, containing an interesting letter of my father to his illustrious friend, I. S. Riggio, of Gorizia. I say, in case you desire to receive it regularly, that the annual subscription is about three dollars. I have published in Italian, in the same monthly, various productions of my venerated parent, and have made separate pamphlets thereof, which I give gratuitously to all who honor and cultivate Hebrew literature, and who understand the Italian language.

The posthumous poems, *Shire Shadal*, are in course of publication; 248 pages have been already printed, and I hope that at the end of June, 1879, the work will issue forth complete. The distinguished Dr. Berliner, of Berlin, has also helped my undertakings. He has just inserted in his *Ozar Tob* the "list of poets and of poems," by my parent, and he will likewise give circulation to two more writings of small dimensions by the same author.

The religious indifference now prevailing in Italy urges me to profit by all means offered beyond my country to bring to light works of S. D. Luzzatto. So I acted respecting the commentaries that issued from the printing press at Lemberg, Austrian-Poland.

One of my most eager wishes is to see in America the publication, in book form, of various writings of my father, which the Rev. S. Morais translated into English and had printed, with annotations of his own, in several of your Israelitish journals. The modesty natural to said friend does not permit him to seek for a publisher or for subscribers. Perhaps it lies in your power to assist him and effect the object.

Please offer my kind regards to the honored President of the College, and accept, respected sir, the assurance of my high consideration.

Your obedient servant,

ISAIAH LUZZATTO, D. D.

A communication was received from the Congregation Beth Israel, Wilmington, N. C., relative to the moral standing and intellectual capacity of Master S. C. Weill, a student of the Hebrew Union College, which was read and ordered to be filed.

A communication was received from Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, accompanied with a copy each of S. Mannheimer's "Hebrew Reader and Grammar," "Defense not Defiance," a Hebrew's reply to the Missionaries, by Rev. Dr. Frederick De Sola Mendes, and "The Bible Reader," by E. A. Davidson, as a donation to the Hebrew Union College Library, from the respective authors.

The Secretary, in response to a resolution of the Board of Governors, passed at a meeting on the 2d ult., submitted the following report, which was read, viz.:

CINCINNATI, O., January 6, 1879.

To the President and Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with a resolution of the Board passed December 2d, requesting the Secretary to furnish a report of all moneys expended by this Board for the current six months, which amount is as follows:

Chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund	\$1,989 47
Chargeable to the General Fund	1,406 14
Chargeable to the Library Fund	50 00

\$3,445 61

All of which is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully, etc.,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Secretary Board of Governors, H. U. C.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board be and is hereby authorized to communicate with the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at their next session, to be held on the 19th inst., and solicit an appropriation of \$2,000 to meet the current expenses of the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing six months.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be allowed Isaac Rubenstein for monthly subsistence—boarding, lodging, etc.—from January 1, 1879.

Bills amounting to \$595.38, of which amount \$396.05 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$199.33 to the fund for the general support of the College, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, February 3, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at 7½ o'clock p. m., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present: Bernhard Bettmann, Solomon Levi, A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg, Joseph Block, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal and Jacob Ezekiel.

Henry Adler, Esq., of the Executive Board, was also present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, asking to be excused for non-attendance at the meeting this evening, and from submitting his monthly report, on account of indisposition.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Chairman of the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library, reported progress on the various subjects which had been referred to said committee for consideration, and requested further time to report in detail.

A communication was received from Professor H. Polano, of Philadelphia, accompanied with a copy of "Selections from the Talmud," as a donation to the Hebrew Union College Library.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are hereby extended to Prof. H. Polano for the donation of his valuable work to the College Library.

The monthly report of Superintendent Aufrecht, relative to the students of the Hebrew Union College under his charge, was read and ordered to be filed.

President Bettmann stated that while in New York recently

he visited the Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel, under the auspices of this Board, in charge of Rev. Dr. Gottheil, and was highly gratified with the progress of the students, among whom he found several bright and intelligent youths, who promise to become good scholars in Hebrew and Jewish literature.

The Secretary stated that in compliance with a resolution of this Board, passed at the last meeting, he communicated with the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C., at its semi-annual session on the 19th ult., and that an appropriation of \$2,000 had been made for the general expenses of the Hebrew Union College, from January 1 to July 1, 1879.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal stated that he heard with deep regret the demise of Ernst Akiba Gottheil, son of our worthy colleague, Rev. Dr. Gottheil, who was stricken down in the prime of manhood on Tuesday, the 28th of January, 1879, in the city of New York. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable memento expressive of the sympathy entertained by the Board of Governors in the sad bereavement which has befallen Rev. Dr. Gottheil and family, occasioned by the death of Ernst Akiba Gottheil, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to Dr. Gottheil and spread upon the minutes of this Board.

The President appointed the following committee to carry out the above resolution, viz.: Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Joseph Block and Jacob Ezekiel.

The committee retired, and on their return submitted the annexed preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

IN MEMORIAM.

WHEREAS, We have learned that our honored and beloved colleague and fellow-member of this Board, Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil, has, by death, been bereft of his second son, Ernst Akiba, who died after a brief illness at the early age of eighteen years; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby extend our heartfelt sympathy to the afflicted family in the loss of so bright, hopeful and promising a son, honored for his virtues, respected for his talents, and beloved by all who knew him.

Resolved, That we trust and pray that the consolation which he has brought to so many bereft households will not be wanting in his own, for He has said: "By those who stand near me I will be sanctified."

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Board, a copy thereof sent to our colleague, and they be published in the *American Israelite*.

DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
JOSEPH BLOCK,
JACOB EZEKIEL,

Committee.

Bills amounting to \$634.78, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, of which amount \$434.85 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund and \$199.93 to the General Fund for College purposes.

Adjourned.

For the purpose of increasing the College Library the following circular has been issued:

CINCINNATI, February, 5639, 1879.

To Publishers of Books, Magazines, Periodicals and others:

In compliance with a resolution passed by the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, I am instructed to solicit publishers to donate to the College Library a copy of their various publications relating to the history, science, religion, literature, etc., of the Israelites, and such other works as they may be pleased to contribute.

The names of authors, publishers and contributors, with an abstract of the contents and history of all works donated, will be properly registered for reference by the Librarian, and re-

ported to the Board of Governors. A catalogue of all works thus donated will be published annually with the proceedings of the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; this will afford authors and publishers an invaluable medium of advertising their works, by giving descriptive information relative to all publications extant on the subject of Judaism, and other topics.

As there are many publications of Jewish works of which we have no knowledge, the Board of Governors, therefore, urgently request all persons having any rare publication in their possession, relative to Judaism and its literature, to please inform the undersigned, or Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, of the same, stating title, author and publisher, when and where printed, also, if the same will be donated to the library, or can be obtained by purchase.

Jewish congregations, and other organizations, are requested to present printed copies of their laws, reports, proceedings, etc.

All donations of books, etc., for the College Library will be thankfully received and duly acknowledged.

The organic laws governing the Hebrew Union College provide that the college shall be open not only to Israelites, but to students of every denomination gratuitously.

Respectfully,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Sec'y Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College.

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, March 3, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven p. m., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Bernhard Bettmann, Julius Freiberg, Solomon Levi, Joseph Block, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander, Wm. Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, also present, submitted the following monthly report, which was read, viz.:

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—In obedience to your laws and regulations, I have the honor to report to you the state of the Hebrew Union College.

As regards the number of students and teachers since my last report, the *statu quo* has been maintained. In regard to discipline nothing has transpired that could attract your attention; no deviation from the established laws and regulations has occurred. Teachers and students are always punctually at their respective posts, except myself, having been absent from the city two days during the last week in February to show the last honors to the deceased Herman E. Sterne, of Peru, Ind., in obedience to his last will. The deceased having been one of the first among those who established the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, as also one of the first to subscribe a sum of money to the sinking fund of this Hebrew Union College, which made him an honorary member of this Board, whose first Vice-President the deceased has been, I considered it a special duty to attend his funeral at Peru, Ind., on the 26th ult., although I never leave my post in the College.

The progress in the studies appears satisfactory to me. The second week in February the classes underwent an examination in history, taught by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, to the full satisfaction of the examiner. Grades A and B went to the close of the *Mishnah* and the beginning of the *Amoraim* period, and proved to be well acquainted with the facts. Grades C and D have reached to 3 B. C., and are well instructed. Hitherto Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has been obliged to dictate history to the students, which is so much more labor, and retarding of the progress. The cause thereof is the want of a text-book. But having received now a sufficient number of copies of Dr. S. Boeck's *Geschichte des Juedischen Volkes und Seiner Literatur*, which contains the history of the Hebrew people from Zerubabel to the present day, in one volume of 535 pages octavo, brief and clear, Dr. Lilienthal's labors might be diminished, and the progress in the study of history facilitated by the introduction of this text-book for the time being, which I have the honor to place before you. Whatever supplements might be required to this text-book it will be easy for Dr. Lilienthal to supply them.

Permit me to remark here that the said text-book is German, and comes up to your resolution, passed at a former meeting, that one of the studies be conducted in the German language, as the Grades A and B are now prepared to do this understandingly.

In the Hebrew and Rabbinical studies the following is the status:

Preceptor Eppinger has read TALMUD with Grade B in *Berachoth*, from the beginning to page 47a.

MISHNA with Grade B, Baba Mezia and Bathra to V. FOUR-

TEEN PERAKIM. TALMUD with Grade C. BERACHOTH from the beginning to 10*b*, and in *Mishna* with Grade C, Yoma, Rosh Hashona, Taanith, Berachoth, TWENTY PERAKIM.

Preceptor Eppinger now leaves to me two hours weekly to read Mishnah with Grade C, and he reviews the Hebrew Grammar with Grades A and B two hours weekly.

Preceptor Aufrecht has read BIBLE with Grades C and D, Exodus to xxv., and I. Samuel to the end, *Rashi* to Exodus, from xix. to xxii., has gone in Hebrew Grammar over the entire verb, and has commenced the noun.

MISHNAH with Grade D, the whole of Aboth, and from Sanhedrin six Perakim.

Permit me to state here that the choice of Preceptors by this Board proves a very happy one. Those gentlemen are competent teachers, conscientious and successful, fully deserving of the confidence placed in them, and mindful of the responsibilities of a teacher's holy vocation.

I have taught in Grades A and B: BIBLE—Isaiah from xl. to lxvi., Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah; with *Rashi* and *Onkelos* to Exodus, from chapter xii. to xx., for self-analysis or *prima vista* reading, three times weekly.

TALMUD, with Grade A in *Chulin*, from 42*a* to 57*b*, with the corresponding chapters from Maimonides, *Yad Hachasakah* in *Hilchoth Shechita*, and in *Sanhedrin* from page 90*a* to 100*a*, with the corresponding chapters from Maimonides' *Yad Hachasakah Hilchoth Theshubah*.

Preceptor Eppinger teaches the Aramaic Grammar in Grade B, and I teach the Syriac in A and B, with a fair expectation that the students of these grades, at the end of the present scholastic year, will have a fair knowledge of the grammatical constructions of three languages, viz.: Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac, enabling them to go well prepared into Semitic philology.

All the students have hitherto kept their ranks well in their respective classes at the high school or university, have paid particular attention to the German language, and but one of them, Berkowitz, was unwell for a few day with bronchitis. All of them are well and cheerful.

I beg leave, furthermore, to report that I have entered into an extensive correspondence with prominent doctors in Europe in regard to professors for the collegiate department of this College, the said department to be opened next September 1st. It must be stated here that there are in our country quite a number of eminent men who could eminently fill any chair in this College; but most all of them are otherwise engaged at

high salaries, and it is questionable whether the services of any of them could be secured for this College. The result of my correspondence is, that I am enabled to lay before you five names of eminent and prominent scholars and authors who declare their willingness, in their respective letters, to accept any professorship in this College to which you might elect them. Common etiquette would not permit me to mention publicly the names of those doctors, each of them being well known in Europe; therefore, I place before you the letters with the humble request not to have their names published. I make no proposition in regard to election until the Board will be ready to act on the proposition, although it is necessary that this year one professor at least be elected. Other letters of the same nature might be placed before you, but it would do no good, as those five bear the most prominent names.

I also beg leave to place before you the bills for the books ordered by me in conformity with a resolution passed by the Council of the U. A. H. C. at Milwaukee in July, 1878, appropriating \$500 for the purchase of books for the Hebrew Union College Library.

	MARK.
Bill No. 1, dated Leipzig, November, 1878.....	341
Bill No. 2, dated Leipzig, February, 1879.....	934 85
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Which the mark at twenty-five cents amounts to.....	319 00
Bill No. 3, dated Cincinnati, February, 1879	143 86
Expenses of drayage, duty and freight on bill No. 2..	20 00
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In this connection I would respectfully call attention of the Board to the fact that the Emanuel Congregation in New York possesses a large library of Jewish books, in which I am credibly informed there are a considerable number of duplicates which, of course, are useless to that library and might be of great use to us. I propose to this Board to address a request to that congregation to donate the duplicates of that library to this College Library; and to appoint a trustworthy man in New York, to be paid by this Board, for selecting the said duplicates and sending them to you.

The donations received to the College Library since my last report are:

1. By S. Blum, Esq., of Louisville, Ky., twenty-five volumes Hebrew books.
2. By Rev. Isaacsohn, one English volume.

3. Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago, two German volumes. All are specified in the catalogue. The books will be placed on the shelves, as numbered in the catalogue, for your inspection by next week.

Permit me, gentlemen, to express my highest regard for you individually and collectively, and my sincere attachment to the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and Hebrew Union College.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was

Resolved, That so much of the President's report as relates to the duplicates of books in the library of the Temple Emanuel, New York, be referred to Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, requesting him to solicit from the congregation of Temple Emanuel such duplicate copies of books as they can dispense with and may desire to donate to the Hebrew Union College Library at Cincinnati.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That so much of the European correspondence relative to the professorship for the Hebrew Union College, as referred to in the report of the President of the College, be laid over for further consideration.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. Gottheil, expressing his thanks for the brotherly sympathy evinced by this Board on the death of his son.

Preceptor Solomon Eppinger tendered his resignation as Librarian of the College Library.

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the resignation of the Librarian be referred to the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library, with power to act, and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Superintendent Aufrecht submitted his monthly report of the students under his charge, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Examination and Discipline.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal submitted the following for consideration of the Board:

WHEREAS, The Board of Governors, in accordance with the laws governing the Hebrew Union College, contemplate the

establishment of the first collegiate class of the College in September next, which will necessarily involve a large expenditure of money in addition to our present requirements; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the subject of establishing the collegiate course of the Hebrew Union College be made a special order of business at the next regular meeting of this Board, and the Secretary be requested to extend an invitation to the President of the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C. to be present, when the matter of providing the ways and means to carry the same into effect will be fully discussed.

Bills, duly audited, amounting to \$644 03, were presented and ordered to be paid, of which amount \$400 50 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$243 53 to the General Fund for current expenses of the College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, April 6, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven o'clock P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Bernhard Bettmann, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander, Julius Freiberg, Leopold Rosenfeld, Solomon Levi and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, and Moritz Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board, U. A. H. C., were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President of the College submitted the following monthly report, which was read, viz.:

CINCINNATI, April 1, 1879.

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors,
H. U. C.*

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me to report progress from the Hebrew Union College, as nothing has occurred during the last month which could attract your attention.

One of the tolerated students, J. Franklin, has left the College

and the public school; all other students and the Preceptors have been punctually at their respective posts.

Grades D and C have undergone an examination in history to 3 B. C., taught by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, to the full satisfaction of the examiners. One of the A Grade students was unavoidably absent from the city for six days, *i. e.*, Mr. Joseph Krauskopf, to visit his sick mother in New York.

The subject matter to be taught during this scholastic year being nearly accomplished, all grades will commence hereafter to review, to be prepared for the approaching annual examination.

Books have been presented to the library of this College by Rev. Dr. Samfield, of Memphis, three volumes; by Mr. Pollack, of Dayton, O., one volume; and one volume by a publishing house of Chicago and New York.

The Allemania Society of this city donated to the College the large and elegant book-case before you, which has been moved and placed here by your janitor.

Wishing all of you happy holidays, I am

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

On motion of Julius Freiberg, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be and are hereby tendered to the Allemania Society for the beautiful book-case presented to the Hebrew Union College for its library.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Chairman of the Committee on Course of Study, Text Books and Library, to whom was referred the resignation of Professor Solomon Eppinger as Librarian, reported that Mr. Eppinger has consented to retain the position, and asks the concurrence of the Board in the appointment of Alex. F. Ullman as an assistant. The Board concurred in said appointment.

Superintendent Aufrecht submitted his monthly report of the students of the College under his charge, which was referred to the Committee on Examination and Discipline.

Moritz Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C., being present, in response to a resolution of this Board passed at its last meeting, the subject of opening the first Collegiate Grade of the Hebrew Union College was taken up for consideration.

Mr. Loth expressed as his decided opinion the ability of the

Executive Board, from the present and prospective resources of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to furnish sufficient means to the Board of Governors for the purpose of enabling them to make all the necessary arrangements to open the first Collegiate Grade of the College on the first Monday in September next.

The President of the College was requested to embody in his next monthly report to this Board, such plans as he may deem adequate to carry out the above purpose, for the consideration of the Board.

Bills amounting to \$603.38, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, of which amount \$397.75 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$205.58 to the General Fund for current expenses of the College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, O., May 5, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven o'clock, P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the Chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present: Bernhard Bettmann, Solomon Levi, Joseph Block, Leopold Rosenfeld and Jacob Ezekiel. Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, submitted his monthly report, which was read and ordered to be recorded, viz.:

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the H. U. C.:

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—In compliance with your laws, I have the honor to report progress from the Hebrew Union College, which, in regard to the number of students in the past month, has remained *in statu quo*. Teachers and students have been punctual in their attendance. Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has been absent during the past week on official business connected with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. In regard to

discipline, nothing occurred in the past month which claims your special attention. The conduct and deportment of the students are laudable. In regard to lessons, I have to report that all grades review now the studies to prepare for the annual examination, as the proposed quantity for each grade had been taught before the month of April.

In this connection permit me to propose that the annual examination be set for the last week in June, to begin on Monday at 10 A. M., to be closed with a regular commencement, as we shall have, this year, the first graduates from the Preparatory Department; and that the examiners—viz.: Rev. Drs. Huebsch, of New York; Felsenthal, of Chicago; and Hahn, of Cleveland—be officially notified thereof.

In accordance with a resolution which you passed in your last meeting, I have the honor to report as follows:

In accordance with the laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, there must be opened, in September next, the Preparatory Department of this College in its four grades, and the first COLLEGIATE CLASS, which will make one class more than this year, as there are a number of Candidates reported for a new Grade D of the Preparatory Department, and there will be a sufficient number of graduates from this department to form the first Collegiate Class.

According to the same laws, the Faculty ought to consist of one President, two Professors and two Preceptors. Therefore, I have placed before you the correspondence with distinguished scholars in Europe, showing that five of them, men of high reputation and literary distinction, are willing to accept such positions in this College to which you might elect them. It is certainly my wish and desire that this year at least one of the professors be elected; but you considered it unadvisable to do so now under the present circumstances. Therefore, the question arises, Can we, with the present staff of teachers, open the first Collegiate Class and conduct, also, the Preparatory Department as has been done heretofore? After having had consultation with all the teachers, I am enabled to answer this question in the affirmative. Our students, also, in the coming year neither need nor demand more or better teachers than they have now; and I beg leave to add that the graduates of this or any similar college will hardly be required to know more than they can learn of your present corps of teachers. Rev. Dr. Lilienthal has consented to teach not only history, but also the general introduction to the science of Judaism. The teachers are willing to discharge their duties to the best of their abilities and to your satisfaction. I also am ready to do all the work I can do in the College until professors can conveniently be elected, and will never complain.

I consider it my sacred duty to do all that may be in my power to build up and to sustain this College, which is already the pride and hope of the American Israel; and I will do all the work I can as long as God grants health and vigor, whatever opposition may be manifested, and however circumstances may transpire.

Therefore, I beg leave to say that this College can and will be carried on without any interruption, and strictly in accordance with the laws of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; also, if you think it advisable to elect no new professor or professors this year, the American Israel, I presume to know, is now, and will hereafter be, well satisfied with the work done in this College; has now, and will hereafter have, full confidence in your corps of teachers, your work and your zeal in this holy cause.

The library has received the following donations during this month: Twofolio volumes of Josephus, Greek and Latin, etc., presented by Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago; also forty volumes of English books, donated by the American Unitarian Association of Boston, all of which have been placed in the hands of your Librarian. Mr. Rosenthal, of Chicago, as also my former reports show, takes a particular interest in our library, and has enriched it with several valuable volumes.

Rev. Mr. Eppstein, of Fort Wayne, Ind., who died lately, has willed his Hebrew library to this College, and I will have the honor to report particulars in my next report.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,

President H. U. C.

CINCINNATI, May 3, 1879.

The President of the College, having suggested that the annual examination of students of the Hebrew Union College take place during the last week of June, 1879, to commence on Monday at 10 o'clock A. M., and to close with the commencement exercises, on motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the examination of students of the Hebrew Union College shall commence on Monday, the 23d of June, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the vestry-room of Plum Street Temple, and the Secretary be requested to communicate with the Board of Examiners appointed by the last Council of the U. A. H. C., informing them of the time when the annual examination shall take place.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to make

all necessary arrangements for the closing exercises and commencement of the College, and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Committee—Julius Freiberg, Bernhard Bettmann and Solomon Levi.

Superintendent Aufrecht submitted his monthly report of the students of the College under his charge, which was read, and on motion of Win. Goodheart, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the report of Superintendent Aufrecht be referred to a special committee to investigate the subject matter of the same, and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, having reported the receipt of a donation of many valuable books from the American Unitarian Association, Boston, Mass., for the College library; also from Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., and also by the last will and testament of the late Rev. Mayer Eppstein, of Fort Wayne, Ind., upward of one hundred volumes, in accordance with the following clause of said will:

“4th. All the Hebrew books owned by me I hereby bequeath to the Hebrew Union College, of Cincinnati, Ohio, provided the said bequest be and is hereby accompanied with the conditions that the institution shall, at every anniversary (Yahrzeit) of the death of myself and wife, cause a prayer for the soul of each of us to be offered.”

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to express the thanks of this Board to Marx Frank, Esq., of Fort Wayne, Ind., and to the bereaved family of the late Rev. Mayer Eppstein for their strict compliance with the last will of the late Rev. Mayer Eppstein, by forwarding the valuable collection of Hebrew books for the Hebrew Union College Library, and tender to them the sympathy of this Board in the sad loss sustained by the death of Rev. Mayer Eppstein.

Resolved, That the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College accept the valuable bequest of Hebrew books belonging to the late Rev. Mayer Eppstein for the College Library, and that the provisions of the said bequest shall be complied with.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and are hereby tendered to the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, Mass., for the munificent donation of valuable books to the Col-

lege Library; also to Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., for the donation of two folio volumes, works of Josephus, in Greek and Latin, for the College Library, and the Secretary be requested to communicate the action of this Board to the American Unitarian Association, of Boston, Mass., and Julius Rosenthal, Esq., of Chicago, Ill., for their liberal donations of valuable books for the Hebrew Union College Library.

On motion of Joseph Block, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Accommodations, etc., be requested to ascertain what arrangements can be made for boarding and lodging the students of the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing scholastic year, and report at the next meeting of this Board.

Bills amounting to \$632.28, of which amount \$439.70 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$192.58 to the General fund for defraying the current expenses of the College, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM, PLUM STREET TEMPLE,
CINCINNATI, O., May 26, 1879. }

A special meeting of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College was held at half-past seven P. M. Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Bernhard Bettmann, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Julius Freiberg, A. J. Friedlander, William Goodheart, Joseph Block, Leopold Rosenfeld and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

The President stated that he called a special meeting of the Board for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee appointed at the Fifth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, for the purpose of examining the students of the preparatory school of Temple Emanuel, New York.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, of the committee appointed by the Fifth Annual Council of American Hebrew Congregations, to examine the students of the preparatory school of Temple Emanuel, New York, submitted the following report and supplements thereto, which was read, and, on motion of Joseph Block, Esq., the report was unanimously adopted, viz.:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS.

To the Honorable Board of Governors of the U. A. H. O.:

GENTLEMEN:—At the meeting of the delegates of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, held last year in Milwaukee, a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, of Cincinnati, Rev. Dr. S. Hirsch, of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. Mayer, of Pittsburgh, were appointed to examine the preparatory school of Temple Emanu-El, of New York, and to report the result thereof to your honorable body.

The appointed gentlemen met in New York City on the 29th day of April last, and, having performed the duties intrusted to them, beg leave to submit the following report:

The school is in operation two years and four months. The number of pupils at the opening of the school was thirty, at present there remain twenty-eight.

The instruction at the school was given by the following gentlemen: Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil, who also acted as Superintendent, Rev. Dr. S. Adler, Rev. Dr. Mielziner, Mr. Schnabel, Mr. Ehrlich and Rev. Dr. Schwab. We annex under No. 1, the summary of the subjects taught at the school since September, 1878, which paper was handed to us by the very efficient Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Gottheil. It is a carefully-elaborated document, giving the names of the various subjects, the names of the respective teachers, and the hours allowed for the instruction of every subject.

We also annex under No. 2, a time-table, also prepared by Rev. Dr. Gottheil, showing on what days and at what hours the school was in session. And, under No. 3, we annex the selections made from Halacha and Agadah, in which the pupils have been instructed. Besides those quoted in this paper, Rev. Dr. S. Adler has every Monday and Thursday instructed the pupils of the first class in thirty-four pages of the Talmudical treatise of Megillah.

The expenses of this preparatory school for the past school year have been as follows:

Rev. Dr. Mielziner.....	\$ 500
Mr. Schnabel	250
Rev. Dr. Schwab	250
Mr. Ehrlich.....	250
Rent of school-rooms.....	300
Stipends paid to pupils	430

Total.....\$1,980

Which were borne partly by the Theological Seminary Association to the amount of nearly \$800, partly by the Temple Emanu-

El Congregation, which, with its usual liberality, cheerfully assisted the young institution.

Rev. Drs. Gottheil and Adler have rendered their services gratuitously. These gentlemen deserve the highest and warmest acknowledgment for their disinterestedness, efficiency and devotion.

THE EXAMINATION.

Your Committee on Examination elected Rev. Dr. S. Hirsch, Chairman, and Dr. Max Lilienthal Secretary.

According to the appointment made by Rev. Dr. Gottheil, the examination took place on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, from half-past seven to half-past ten P. M., and on Wednesday, the 30th of April, from four to half-past six P. M.

Your Committee selected from the course of study submitted to them, portions of every subject taught in the school, and examined on the first day the first and fourth class, and on the second day the second, third and again the first class.

Your Committee states with high gratification that the result of the examination surpassed our expectation, and we congratulate the Superintendent and his associates on the brilliant success they have attained in so short a time. Like at the school in Cincinnati, they had to overcome great difficulties, as many pupils had come entirely unprepared and had to be introduced into studies so widely differing in style and character from those instructed both at our public schools and colleges. Teachers and pupils are highly rewarded for their industry and conscientiousness.

The instruction in Hebrew grammar proved to have been thorough and efficient. Reading, analysis and translation won the full approval of the Committee, and they were highly pleased when some of the pupils recited by heart even such difficult portions of the Bible as the Song of Deborah.

In Mishnah and Talmud the pupils proved to fully understand the hieroglyphic brevity of the text, the sense of the contents they had studied, and the committee was pleased with the correct translation into English of all the parts in which the pupils were examined. Some of the younger classes were able to recite by heart portions of the Pirke Aboth.

In history the period of the Amoraim had been selected for examination, and the pupils of the first class proved to be well acquainted with the chronological order and the principal tracts of the rabbis of that period. The younger classes were examined in Biblical and Post-Biblical history, and gave evidence of sound instruction and industry.

Rev. Dr. Gottheil has instructed the first class, consisting mostly of young men who visit the New York colleges, in some chapters of the philosophical work "Ikkarim." The pupils answered with precision the questions put to them, and agreeably surprised us by their acquaintance and prompt definitions of the philosophical terminology used in this renowned book.

While we thus express our entire satisfaction with the result of the examination of this school, we congratulate the Union of American Hebrew Congregations on the success thus achieved. We render our thanks to the Rev. Dr. Gottheil and his associates for the flourishing condition in which we have found their school; we congratulate the pupils on the progress they have made in the study of the Hebrew language and literature; and rejoice with all Israel in the fact that also in this, our beloved country, Jewish science has found and founded homes in which the holy doctrines of our religion and their history, and the history and mission of our race will be propagated and intrusted to young men who will start up for light and right, for truth and liberty.

DR. SAMUEL HIRSCH,
DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
REV. DR. L. MAYER,

Minister of the Rodef Sholom Congregation,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

COURSE OF STUDY.

To the Examining Committee of the U. of A. H. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—The following is a summary of the subjects taught at the Emanu-El Preparatory School since September, 1878:

CLASS I.

(a) Bible—Proverbs, translation, chaps. i. to xvi., Dr. Mielziner—one hour per week. Isaiah, with grammatical analysis, chaps. i. to viii., Mr. Ehrlich—one hour per week.

(b) Hebrew Exercises—Translation from English into Hebrew, Mr. Schnabel—one hour per week.

(c) Literature—Outline of the history of the Aramaic period, Dr. Mielziner—occasional.

(d) Talmud—Rosh Hashonah, from page 24 to the end of Massehta, 23 pages, with the easier scholia of Rashi and Yad, Hilchoth Shofar, 2 Perakim, Shebuoth, Perek vii, 2 pages, Dr. Mielziner—five hours per week. Megillah, 17 pages, Dr. S. Adler.

(e) Albo's Ikkarim—Introduction, chaps. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 (partially), 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, Dr. Gottheil.

CLASS II.

(a) Grammar—The *vero*: regular, defective, quiescent and double Ayin; verbal suffixes, declension of nouns (7), with frequent exercises, both verbal and written, Mr. Schnabel—two hours per week.

(b) Bible—Joshua and five chapters of Judges, Mr. Schnabel; Psalms 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 19, with partial analysis, jointly with Class III., 24, 25, 26, 27, Mr. Ehrlich—two hours per week.

(c) Mishnah—Berachoth, 9 Perakim; Peah i. and vii., 2 Perakim; Biccurem iii., 1 Perek; Yoma i. and ii., 2 Perakim—14 Perakim—one hour per week.

(d) Religion (jointly with Class III.)—Introduction: the attributes of God; on man; festivals; Scriptural texts in Hebrew memorized, Dr. Mielziner—one hour per week.

CLASS III.

(a) Grammar—Vowels, their quantity and changes; orthographic symbols, prefixes, pronouns, inflection of nouns, the regular and guttural verbs, Mr. Ehrlich—two hours per week.

(b) Bible—Genesis, chaps. xxii. to xli., with occasional analysis, Dr. Schwab—two hours per week.

Psalms (jointly with Class III.)—As above, Mr. Ehrlich—one hour per week.

(c) Religion (jointly with Class III.)—As above—one hour per week.

CLASS IV.

(a) Grammar—Orthography, servile letters, personal pronouns, nominal suffixes, declension of noun, regular verb, *vav* conjunctive and conversive, guttural verbs and lamed aleph—two hours per week.

(b) Bible—Exodus, chaps. i. to x., Dr. Schwab—one hour per week.

Genesis, chap. i. to xvi., Mr. Ehrlich—two hours per week.

(c) Biblical History—To the fall of the Kingdom of Israel (Deutsch, p. 147), Dr. Schwab—one hour per week.

The number of pupils at the opening of the school was thirty; during the winter five withdrew and one was dismissed; remain at present, twenty-eight.

Sunday.

10-11 o'clock—Class I. Translations, M. Schnabel.

11-12 o'clock—Class I. תלמוד בבלי, Dr. Mielziner.

9-10 o'clock—Class II. משנה, Dr. Mielziner.

10-11 o'clock—Classes II. and III. Religious instruction, Dr. Mielziner.

11-12 o'clock—Classes II. and III. תהלים, Mr. Ehrlich.

10-11 o'clock—Class IV. חומש, Mr. Ehrlich.

11-12 o'clock—Class IV. Hebrew Grammar, Mr. Schnabel.

Wednesday.

4-5 o'clock—תלמוד בבלי, Dr. Mielziner; Class II. יהושע, Mr. Schnabel; Class III. חומש, Dr. Schwab; Class IV. חומש, Mr. Ehrlich.

5-6 o'clock—Class I. משלי, Dr. Mielziner; עקרים, Dr. Gottheil; Class II. Grammar, Mr. Schnabel; Class III. Grammar, Mr. Ehrlich; Class IV. חומש, Dr. Schwab.

Sabbath.

3-4 o'clock—Class I. ישעיה, Mr. Ehrlich; Class II. משנה, Dr. Mielziner; Class III. חומש, Dr. Schwab; Class IV. Grammar, Mr. Schnabel.

4-5 o'clock—Class I. תלמוד בבלי, Dr. Mielziner; עקרים, Dr. Gottheil; Class II. יהושע, Mr. Schnabel; Class III. Grammar, Mr. Ehrlich; Class IV. Religious Instruction, Dr. Schwab.

Monday and Thursday.

Class I. Dr. Adler, Megillah 17 *b*; Selection from Halacha; from pp. 22 *a*, 24 *a*, 25 *b*, 26 *a*, 26 *b*, 28 *a*, 29 *b*, 31 *b*, 33 *b*; from Agada, 24 *b*, 25 *a*, 29 *a*, 32 *b*.

G. GOTTHEIL.

NEW YORK, April 29, 1879.

SUPPLEMENT.

By invitation of the Rev. Dr. Gottheil, a special meeting of your committee was held on the 30th of April last in the vestry-room of the Temple Emanu-El for the purpose of considering the present status and the future of the preparatory school of New York. The following facts were there presented for consideration:

The pupils of the highest class are fitted to enter the College proper, as they have attained all the qualifications for admission, according to the course of study prepared by the committee appointed at the last convention at Milwaukee; but being students of the various New York universities, and almost all of them residing with their parents, they can not, without detriment to their secular studies and a large expense to the Union

of American Hebrew Congregations, be transferred to the College of Cincinnati.

The present income, derived from all sources, at the command of the Union, barely cover the expenses of the preparatory school and the College at Cincinnati; and under present circumstances it does not seem advisable to burden the institution of Cincinnati with new heavy expenses by transferring the students of the preparatory school of New York to Cincinnati.

At the same time it is manifest that heretofore by far the largest amount of the revenue at the command of the Union has been contributed by the Western and Southwestern Hebrew congregations of the land, and it is to be hoped that the Eastern Hebrew congregations, who joined the Union only one year ago, will assist their brethren and fellow-members in materially increasing the revenue of the Union.

In consideration of these facts the following suggestions were offered and respectfully submitted to the Honorable Board of Governors for consideration and action:

1. That a branch of the Cincinnati College be opened in New York, the same to remain under the control of the Board of Governors; the course of study being the same as elaborated by the committee appointed by the late Council, and to be approved by the next Council.

2. That a Superintendent be appointed for this branch of the Cincinnati College, to be assisted in the administration of this branch by four members of the Board of Governors; two Governors to be elected from the members of the Theological Seminary Association of New York, as this association has a capital of \$10,000 on hand, and last year donated the interest thereon to the support of the preparatory school in New York, and will continue to apply the same to the same institution.

3. This proposed branch of the Cincinnati College expects a financial support from the Union of \$1,500, as the annual expenses, both in the preparatory school and in the branch of the College proper will be as follows:

Rev. Dr. Mielziner.....	\$1,000
Mr. Schnabel.....	500
Mr. Ehrlich.....	500
Rent	300
Sundries	100
Stipends not less than.....	500

\$2,900

The deficiency will be covered partly by the interest to be derived from the capital of the Theological Seminary Association,

and partly by the reorganization of the Association, which has stopped operations for several years. Rev. Dr. Gottheil intends to revive and reorganize it, and his influence, no less than the wonted liberality of our brethren in New York, insures a success which will annually secure to that branch of the Cincinnati College some thousands of dollars.

At the same time Rev. Dr. Gottheil made the liberal offer, assisted by his congregation and other numerous friends of the cause of Jewish learning, to procure the means for the support of indigent students who may come to the branch of the college in New York—a promise by which the burden of the expenses of the Union will be materially lessened.

Your committee take the liberty of presenting these highly important suggestions to your honorably body for consideration and action, assured that your deliberations will result to the advantage of our Union, to the credit of our College and to the honor of the sacred cause of our religion.

DR. SAMUEL HIRSCH,
DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
REV. DR. L. MAYER.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the propositions, submitted by the committee in the supplement to the report, be made a subject for consideration of this Board at its next regular meeting, and that the Secretary notify the members of this fact.

On motion of Joseph Block, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Examiners of the students of the Preparatory School of Temple Emanu-El, New York, for the able and impartial manner in which they have discharged the duties assigned them.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal stated that in compliance with a resolution passed by this Board on the 3d of March, 1879, by which he was requested to obtain for the Hebrew Union College Library such duplicates of books as were in the library of Temple Emanu-El, New York, he would state that it is the intention of the Congregation Temple Emanu-El to catalogue their entire library at an early date, and donate all their duplicate books to the Hebrew Union College Library.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 2, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in regular session at half-past seven P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the chair.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.:

Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Leopold Rosenfeld, Joseph Block, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, William Goodheart and Jacob Ezekiel.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, submitted his monthly report with accompanying letters, which were read and ordered to be recorded.

To the President and Members of the Board of Governors of the H. U. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—In pursuance of the resolution passed at your last regular monthly meeting, I have the honor to report that the classes of the Hebrew Union College will be ready the 23d instant for the annual examination, and I beg leave to submit to your consideration the following programme:

Monday, June 23d.

Questions to Grade A on the terminology of Maimonides in *Hilehoth Theshubah* for written examination.

10-11 A. M.—MISHNAH: *Aboth* and *Sanhedrin* in Grade D.

11-12 A. M.—From *Seder Moed*, viz.: *Pesachim* i., iv. and x.; *Yoma* i., ii., iii., 1, 2 and viii.; *Succah* iv. and v.; *Rosh Hashonah*, *Taanith*, *Megillah*, *Moed Katan*, and *Chagigah* i. and ii. and *Berachoth* in Grade C.

2-3 P. M.—MISHNAH. from *Seder Nezikin*, the three BABA, K., M. and B. in Grade B.

3-4 P. M.—*Hilchoth Theshubah* of Maimonides in *Yud Hachasakah* by Grade A.

4-5 P. M.—History in Grades D and C to 4 B. C.

Tuesday, June 24th.

10-11 A. M.—Exodus and Samuel with examination in Hebrew Grammar in Grades C and D.

- 11-12 A. M.—*Rashi* in Exodus from xix. to xxii. in Grade D.
 2-3 P. M.—Isaiah xl. to lxvi. with examination in Hebrew Grammar in Grades A and B.
 3-4 P. M.—*Hilchoth Shechita* of Maimonides in *Yad Hachasakah*, chaps. iii. to xii. in Grade A.
 4 5 P. M.—History in Grades A and B to 500 A. C.

Wednesday, June 25th.

- 10-11 A. M.—Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah with Targum passages from Pentateuch, and examination in Aramaic and Syriac grammar in Grades A and B.
 11-12 A. M.—Talmud, *Berachoth* from p. 1 to 25 (13 *a*) in Grade C.
 2-3 P. M.—Talmud, *Berachoth* 13 *a* to 20 *b*, 26 *a* to 35 *b*, 45 *a* to 50 *a*, 54 *a* and *b*, in Grade B.
 3-5 P. M.—Talmud, *Sanhedrin* 90 *a* to 100 *a*; *Chulin* 42 *a* to 61 *a*.

Thursday, June 26th.

Examinations by order of the examiners appointed by the Council, or the Committee on Examination of the Board of Governors.

In accordance with Art. I., Sec. 2, of the laws establishing the faculty and curriculum of the Hebrew Union College as adopted by the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1875, it is the duty of the President of the College to recommend to the Board of Governors the professors and Preceptors to be appointed by them.

Therefore, I herewith recommend to this Board of Governors the re-election of the two Preceptors, Messrs. Solomon Eppinger and Louis Aufrecht, and the election of the following two Professors, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Professor of History, and Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner, of New York, Professor of the Talmud.

It is not necessary for me to repeat to you, gentlemen, that the two Preceptors named, have proved their ability and worthiness for the responsible positions to which they are hereby recommended; much less is it necessary to speak of the excellent services rendered to the College by Rev. Dr. Lilienthal and of his eminent abilities as a scholar and instructor, as you are well aware thereof. In regard to the Rev. Dr. Mielziner, I place before you the following abstracts of his papers and the following recommendations by Rev. Drs. Einhorn, Gottheil, Huebsch and Jastrow, to which I add my full appreciation of Dr. Mielziner's eminent learning and superior character:

New York, 26. Mai 1879.

Herrn Rabbiner Dr. J. M. Wise, Präsident des H. U. College, Cincinnati.
 Hochgeehrter Herr Doctor!—In Beantwortung Ihrer geehrten Zuschrift

vom 14. d. M., deren Empfang ich Ihnen bereits vorige Woche per Postkarte vorläufig angezeigt, erlaube ich mir, Ihnen mitzutheilen, daß ich bereit bin, einen Lehrstuhl am „H. U. College“ für Talmud und rabbinische Literatur zu übernehmen.

Obgleich ich mir schmeicheln zu dürfen glaube, daß Sie nach einer vieljährigen persönlichen Bekanntschaft und nach meinem bisherigen Wirken, wie auch durch manche meiner literarischen Leistungen von meiner Qualifikation für einen solchen Posten überzeugt sind, erlaube ich mir doch, Ihnen ein Empfehlungsschreiben von den Herren Dr. Einhorn und Dr. Hübsch zu senden. Ein anderes Empfehlungsschreiben von Hrn. Dr. Gottheil und wahrscheinlich auch von Hrn. Dr. Jastrow wird in einigen Tagen nachfolgen.

Auf Verlangen könnte ich Ihnen noch nachstehende Dokumente vorlegen:

1. Ein hebräisches Zeugniß (כתב Diplome) welches mir in meinem 16. Lebensjahre von dem sel. Rabbiner Wolff Klausner, in Alg. Preußen, ertheilt wurde, dessen ישיבה ich zwei Jahre besucht hatte. Dieses Zeugniß ist später auch von dem Rabbinatsverweser J. Dettinger in Berlin, dessen talmudische Vorlesungen ich in dem ersten Jahre meines sieben und einhalbjährigen Aufenthaltes in Berlin besuchte, unterzeichnet worden.

2. Eine Autorisation für das Predigt-Amt vom sel. Dr. Goldheim in Berlin, unter dessen Anleitung ich während meines Gymnasialbesuches und später während meiner Universitätsjahre das theologische Studium fortsetzte.

3. Abgangszeugniß von der Universität in Berlin und Zeugniß über die während meines Trienniums auf derselben gehörten Vorlesungen über philosophische, philologische und zum Theil auch theologische Wissenschaften.

4. Doctor-Diplom von der Universität in Gießen. (Meine zur Erlangung dieses akademischen Grades in lateinischer Sprache abgefaßte Dissertation, „De Hebraeorum servis ancillisque.“ habe ich später in deutscher Sprache veröffentlicht, unter dem Titel: „Die Verhältnisse der Sklaven bei den Hebräern, nach biblischer und talmudischer Quelle dargestellt.“ Von dieser Schrift, welche nach ihrem Erscheinen in verschiedenen wissenschaftlichen Blättern, unter anderen vom sel. Jost im Ben Chananja sehr günstig beurtheilt wurde, habe ich bereits voriges Jahr der Bibliothek Ihres dortigen College ein Exemplar zugestellt.)

5. Ein Rabbinatsdiplom רבנות vom seligen Oberrabbiner Leopold Loew in Szegedin.

6. Ein Rabbinatsdiplom von Professor Dr. A. Wolff, Oberrabbiner in Copenhagen.

Sollte ich für die in Rede stehende Stelle gewählt werden, so wird es mein eifrigstes Streben sein, dieselbe in würdigster Weise auszufüllen und nach besten Kräften zum Erfolg des „H. U. College“ beizutragen. In diesem Falle ersuche ich Sie auch, mir recht bald Ihre Instruktion über die von mir zu übernehmenden Lehrgegenstände zu ertheilen, damit ich nöthige Vorbereitungen treffen und vielleicht Manches vorbereiten kann.

Hochachtungsvoll, Ihr ergebenster

Dr. M. Mielziner.

NEW YORK, May 14, 1879.

To the President and Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati:

GENTLEMEN:—Although I should profoundly regret to lose the services of Dr. M. Mielziner as Principal of the Emanu-El Preparatory School, I can not in justice refuse to give him the recommendation which he has asked for. It might be sufficient to point to the result of examination of the school by the commission of the Union Hebrew Congregations held a few weeks ago, a report of which will doubtless be accessible to you; but I will add that I consider the choice of Dr. Mielziner for the professorship at the College as in every way justified by that gentleman's attainments in secular and theological literature, experience in teaching, patient and judicious treatment of students, and most estimable qualities of character. He, moreover, combines a liberal spirit with a profound reverence for that which is permanent and essential in Judaism, and is thus the right man to inspire our young students with an enlightened enthusiasm for the future work. I have no doubt that if chosen the work will, under God, prosper in his hands.

G. GOTTHEIL, Dr. Phil.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26, 1879.

It gives me great pleasure to join in the above recommendation of Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner for the position of teacher in the College of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations soon to be opened. There is in the above-named gentleman a combination of character, learning and experience which can not but prognosticate a most favorable influence on the intellectual and moral development of the students intrusted to his charge.

M. JASTROW, Dr. Phil.,
Rabbi of the Cong. Rodef Shalom.

NEW YORK, May 20, 1879.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, fully convinced of the thorough qualification of the Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner, beg to recommend him most instantly for the position of teacher of the Talmud or any of the other theological branches in the Hebrew Union College.

Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner, being a pupil of the old Talmudic schools and at the same time intimately conversant with the historical and critical researches of the modern school, combines the necessary requirements for a successful treatment of the

Talmud before an advanced class of theological students. His accurate knowledge of the Hebrew language and literature in all its ramifications, his intimate familiarity with the classical languages and modern sciences make him rank among our prominent scholars. His experience as a practical rabbi (he occupied the pulpit of a prominent congregation in New York for eight years), furthermore, his thorough success as a teacher of the highest class in the Preparatory School of the Temple Emanuel, New York, combined with the high reputation of his moral and religious character, make the reverend gentleman a highly-desirable acquisition for any Jewish seminary.

In the interest of the Hebrew Union College the undersigned, therefore, recommend the Rev. Dr. Mielziner for a suitable position in that institute, and hope to see him placed there as one of the representative teachers.

Respectfully, yours,

DR. DAVID EINHORN,
DR. AD. HUEBSCH.

In conclusion of this point, permit me to propose that your committee, to revise the laws according to Art. VI., Sec. 16 of the Constitution, together with the Faculty thus elected, shall collect and revise the said laws and report to you prior to January, 1880.

In regard to the Library, I have to report to you several costly volumes donated by Julius Rosenthal and Leopold Mayer, Esqs., of Chicago, also the donation of the Swedenborgian Publication Concern in Boston, consisting of their own valuable publications, and the donation of Bibles in Hebrew, English, German and Syriac by Rev. Mr. Bonhomme, of Philadelphia, all of which are specified in the catalogue now being published, to be added to my annual report.

I would also request this Board to invite officially to the annual examination the Rector and Faculty of the University, the principals and teachers of the two high schools and the Superintendent of the Public Schools, all of whom manifest a kind interest in the Hebrew Union College, and do much more than their respective duties for the students under your care; also to extend the same invitation to the University Board and to the Union Board of the High Schools.

With due regard to each and all of you, Mr. President and gentlemen, I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE.

President of the H. U. C.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That the various suggestions and recommendations contained in the foregoing report of the President of the College be acted upon *seriatim*.

On motion of Joseph Block, Esq., it was

Resolved, That Solomon Eppinger be and is hereby re-appointed as Preceptor of Rabbinical Literature, and Louis Aufrecht as Preceptor of Hebrew Literature, in the Hebrew Union College for the ensuing year, at a salary of one thousand dollars a year, payable monthly.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal kindly tendered his services gratuitously as Professor of History in the College, which were duly accepted, and the thanks of the Board extended to him for his liberal offer and for past valuable services rendered.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise also tendered his services gratuitously as Professor of Philosophy and Exegese in the College for the ensuing year. The Board of Governors accepted his kind and liberal offer, with thanks for past services rendered.

The Secretary was instructed to extend invitations to such persons as were suggested by the President of the College in the foregoing report, to witness the annual examination of the students and commencement exercises.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the appointment of an additional Professor for the Hebrew Union College be laid over until the next meeting of this Board, to be held on Monday, the 9th inst.

On motion of Jacob Ezekiel, it was

Resolved, That the sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars be appropriated for the payment of sundry bills for books, imported by Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise for the College Library.

On motion of Wm. Goodheart, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to procure accommodations and receive the Board of Examiners of students of the H. U. C.

The Chair appointed the following as a committee: Messrs. Wm. Goodheart, Solomon Levi and Bernhard Bettmann.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to revise the By-Laws governing the Hebrew Union College in accordance with the Constitution of the U. A. H. C.

Committee—Bernhard Bettmann, Solomon Levi, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, A. J. Friedlander and Jacob Ezekiel.

A communication was received from Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonnenschein, asking to be excused for non-attendance at the meeting of this Board.

Superintendent Aufrecht submitted his monthly report of students under his charge, which was received and referred to the Committee on Examination and Discipline.

A communication was received from Rev. S. Bonhomme, of Philadelphia, donating 15 copies of Hebrew Old Testaments, 19 copies of Hebrew Psalters, 10 copies of Hebrew Five Books of Moses, 15 copies of English Old Testaments, 6 copies of Syriac Psalters, 6 copies of Hebrew Epistles to the Hebrews, 2 volumes of Hebrew and German Old Testaments, and 6 maps of the Holy Land, for the Hebrew Union College. He says: "I hope the Lord of Mercy and Grace will make it a blessing to many of the students," and further states that he has a number of old and rare Hebrew works, which he will donate to our College Library.

From the American Swedenborgian Printing and Publishing Society, donating the following works:

Arcana Celestia (or Heavenly Arcana), Vols. I., II., III., IV., V., VI., VII., VIII., IX., X.

Heaven and Hell.

Four Leading Doctrines (The Lord, Sacred Scriptures, Faith, Life).

Divine Love and Wisdom.

Divine Providence.

Conjugal Love.

Apocalypse revealed, Vols. I., II.

True Christian Religion (or, Universal Theology).

Miscellaneous Theological Works (containing New Jerusalem and its Heavenly Doctrines, Brief Exposition, Intercourse Between the Soul and the Body, White Horse, Earths in the Universe, Last Judgment).

Compendium of Theological Works.

From Rev. J. H. Brockman, of Watertown, Wis., donating a copy of "Odd Fellowship."

Also from H. L. Champlin, Boston. a copy of "The American Fireman."

From E. B. Benjamin, New York, "American Hand-book of Chemical and Physical Apparatus," and many valuable and costly volumes from Julius Rosenthal and Leopold Mayer, Esqs., of Chicago.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board are due and hereby tendered to Rev. S. Bonhomme, of Philadelphia; the American Swedenborgian Printing and Publishing Society, Boston, Mass.; Rev. J. H. Brockman, of Watertown, Wis.; H. L. Champlin, of Boston; E. B. Benjamin, of New York; Julius Rosenthal and

Leopold Mayer, Esqs., of Chicago, for the many valuable books donated to the Hebrew Union College Library.

The following communication was received from Lipman Levy, Esq., Secretary U. A. H. C.:

CINCINNATI, June 2, 1879.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—At the close of the fiscal year, May 31, 1879, there remained subject to the order of the Board, to the credit of—

Indigent Students' Fund	\$5,406 22
Hebrew Union College Fund	1,751 24
Library College Fund	75 00

\$7,232 46

Respectfully yours,

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

The various committees submitted their estimates of money required by the Board of Governors for College purposes for the ensuing year, which was laid over until the next meeting of the Board.

The proposition made by the Examining Committee of the Preparatory School of Temple Emanu-El was referred to the foregoing committee, to report at the next meeting for final action.

Sundry bills, duly audited, were presented and ordered to be paid, amounting to \$691.63, of which amount \$437.25 is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$254.38 to the General Fund for current expenses of the College.

Adjourned.

VESTRY ROOM PLUM STREET TEMPLE, }
CINCINNATI, June 9, 1879. }

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College met in special session at half-past seven P. M., Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President, in the chair, and Jacob Ezekiel, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were present, viz.: Messrs. Bernhard Bettmann, Joseph Block, Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein, Solomon Levi, Wm. Goodheart, A. J. Friedlander, Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Jacob Ezekiel and Leopold Rosenfeld.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the College, Moritz Loth, Esq., President of the Executive Board of the U. A. H. C., and Henry Adler, Esq., were also present.

Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise, President of the Hebrew Union College, submitted his annual report, which was read and adopted.

On motion of A. J. Friedlander, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the President of the Board request an appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars from the next annual Council for library purposes, in accordance with the recommendation of the President of the College.

The committee to whom was referred the propositions contained in the report of the committee appointed at the Fifth Annual Council of the U. A. H. C., to examine the Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel, New York, presented the following report, viz.:

CINCINNATI, June 9, 1878.

To the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee, appointed at the last meeting of the Board to consider the various subjects hereafter referred to, respectfully beg leave to report:

1. We recommend that the sum of \$1,500, demanded for the support, during the ensuing year, of the Preparatory Department of the Temple Emanuel College, situated in the city of New York, be appropriated.

2. The President of the College having proposed, and Rev. Drs. Einhorn, Gottheil, Huebsch and Jastrow having, in warm and glowing terms, recommended, Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner, of New York, we propose that he be elected Professor of Talmud of the College for one year, dating from September 1st next, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum.

3. Your committee has taken into most serious consideration the recommendation embodied in the following propositions contained in the supplementary report of the examiners, to-wit:

1. That a branch of the Cincinnati College be opened in New York, the same to stand under the control of the Board of Governors; the course of study to be the same as is being elaborated by the committees appointed by the last Council of the U. A. H. C., held at Milwaukee.

2. That a Superintendent be appointed for this branch of the Cincinnati College, to be assisted in the administration of this branch by four members of the Board of Governors; two of the

Governors to be elected from the members of the Theological Seminary Association of New York.

3. The proposed branch of the Cincinnati College at New York to receive a monetary support, from the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, of fifteen hundred dollars for the ensuing year, the annual expenses of the branch of the College and Preparatory School of Temple Emanuel being estimated at twenty-nine hundred dollars.

Your committee recognizes not only that it is highly desirable, but hopes that at some future and not too-distant day it may become necessary to establish, not a branch, but a complete college, in addition to the one already created, and by action of Council located, in the city of Cincinnati. At the same time they point out the fact that the entire legislation of our Union so far contemplates, for the present, the establishment and complete endowment of one college, Sec. 1, Art. VI., of the Constitution, reading as follows:

SECTION 1. The first of the scholastic institutions provided for in Art. II., Sec. 1, of this Constitution, shall be styled "the Hebrew Union College," and shall be permanently located in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

On the happy day on which an united American Israel clasped hands in Milwaukee the following was enacted (Constitution, Art. VIII.): .

SECTION 3. Any proposition contemplating the establishment of any additional college shall be submitted to the Executive Board, who shall lay the same before the next Council, but no final action shall be taken on it before the expiration of one year from the date of the presentation.

Your committee, influenced by a conviction of the ability, zeal and sincerity of the gentlemen proposing the measure, have given the subject close, careful and liberal consideration, and, after long and patient deliberation, have unanimously arrived at the conclusion that the establishment of what, in the above propositions, is called a branch of the Cincinnati College, would virtually and to all intents and purposes be the establishment of a second college; and even if, by a violent or artful construction, neither of which we believe to be intended, the wise provisions of the existing law should be disregarded, we can not close our eyes to the fact that, under present circumstances, the creation of it would, if not immediately destroy, certainly continually retard, the growth and threaten the prosperity—nay, the very existence—of both; and we must, therefore, conscientiously refuse to recommend the establishment of a branch of the Cincinnati College at New York, etc., as asked for in Section 1 of the above propositions.

Section 2 naturally falls with Section 1, and is, in addition, objectionable, as being contrary to our laws.

Section 3 has been favorably acted upon in our first recommendation.

Your committee, knowing and relying upon the large-hearted liberality of our brethren throughout the length and breadth of our country, finally express the hope that the next Council will find ways and means which will not only place the Hebrew Union College in the independent, self-sustaining position so ardently hoped for by every well-wisher of our cause, but will also enable the Executive Board, at a very early date, to recommend the establishment of a second, equally prosperous College, and such other measures as will redound to the honor and glory of the American Israel.

We have also examined and are now progressing with the revision of the laws governing the Board of Governors, College, etc., and will make our action the subject of a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BETTMANN,
REV. DR. M. LILIENTHAL,
A. J. FRIEDLANDER,
SOLOMON LEVI,
JACOB EZEKIEL.

On motion of Leopold Rosenfeld, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the report of the committee be received and adopted.

Resolved, That fifteen hundred dollars be appropriated for the support of the Preparatory School of Temple Emanu-El, New York, for the ensuing scholastic year, as recommended by the committee.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. M. Mielziner be appointed Professor of Talmud in the Hebrew Union College for one year, from the 1st of September, 1879, at a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, in accordance with the recommendations of the committee and ratification of the Council.

The committee appointed at a former meeting to revise the laws governing this Board and the College, reported progress, and suggested that the President recommend to the Executive Board the following amendments to Article VI. of the Constitution of the U. A. H. C., adopted at the last session of Council:

1st. That the following section be added to Art. VI.: "No preparatory department of the H. U. C. shall hereafter be estab-

lished unless on recommendation of the Board of Governors, and with consent of the Council."

2d. That the following omission from the laws governing the H. U. C., Sec. 5, be reinstated in Art. VI. of the Constitution: "The Board of Governors shall appoint the professors and other officers of the College, and fix their salaries, subject, however, to the confirmation or rejection of the Council."

On motion of Solomon Levi, Esq., it was

Resolved, That the committee appointed for the purpose of revising and codifying the laws governing the Board of Governors and Hebrew Union College be authorized to have the same printed in proper form when completed.

The Secretary submitted the following summary of bills passed by the Board, viz.:

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

For Board of Governors and Hebrew Union College, from July 1, 1878, to June 1, 1879, as Embraced in the Foregoing Report.

Boarding, lodging, washing, etc., for twelve indigent students	\$3,394 14	
Stipend for four indigent students	417 50	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,811 64
Clothing for indigent students	\$237 75	
" cleansing, etc., for indigent students	19 50	
	<hr/>	257 25
Shoes, mending, etc., for indigent students.		180 50
Traveling expenses " " "		15 35
Furnishing goods " " "		29 67
Hats and caps " " "		26 50
Preceptors' salaries		1,983 58
Secretary		238 00
Janitor		70 00
Books for students		163 11
Book-binding		209 70
Library (purchase of books)		425 00
Bibles (to Executive Board)		25 00
Stationery and printing		88 10
Librarian		27 02
Carpenters' work, gymnasium, etc.		44 71
Stoves, gas fixtures, etc.		28 51

Expenses of Examiners of Preparatory Schools of Cincinnati and New York...	\$ 208 60
Expenses for closing exercises	35 00
Book-cases	24 00
Ink, locks and expressage	5 40
Insurance on books and furniture	12 25
Total	\$7,908 89

On motion of Dr. Max Lilienthal, it was

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it will meet again on Monday, the 30th inst.

Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB EZEKIEL,

Secretary Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College.

[Approved]

BERNHARD BETTMANN.

President Board of Governors, Hebrew Union College.

Report of the President of the Hebrew Union College.

שלום רב לאוהבי תורתך

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE, }
CINCINNATI, June, 1879. }

*To the President and Members of the Board of Governors,
H. U. C.:*

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN:—With praise and adoration to the Most High, who has deigned to let us live and work together these four years in peace and harmony, in the humanitarian cause of education, in the service of Israel and his

marvelous treasures of mind; also, with the acknowledgment and honor due to your energy, disinterested zeal and labor for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and this College, —I begin this Fourth Annual report with the cheerful word "Success"—success beyond expectation. That which, a few years ago, was merely hoped by some and doubted by many, that American-born boys could successfully be instructed in ancient Hebrew and rabbinical lore, and made familiar with its spirit, its mode of thought and form of expression; that stands now before you as an accomplished fact, as far as the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College is concerned. Thanks to the Almighty, to the Union of A. H. C., to the teachers of the Preparatory Department, to the patrons of this College, to the Daughters of Israel, who gave us their support, and especially to you, gentlemen of the Board, the first part of the work has been successfully accomplished.

STATE OF THE COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Examination and the Examiners appointed in last year's Council, will report to you and the Council the quantity and quality of the studies made by the various Grades of this Department, and especially of the graduating class, of whom it is expected—

- a. To answer any question in Jewish history to 500 A. C.
- b. To render etymological account of any ordinary passage in the original text of the Bible; and of any Aramaic or Syriac passage which they may have read.
- c. To stand special examination in Isaiah, from xl. to lxvi., in Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, and in Rashi and Targum Onkelos to selected portions of the Bible; also in Talmud *Chulin* 41 to 61, with the corresponding chapters from the Code by Moses Maimonides; and in *Sanhedrin* from 90 to 100 with the section *Hilchoth Theshubah* from the above Code.

This class has overcome the linguistical and technical difficulties, and possesses the adequate knowledge of history to enable it to enter upon collegiate studies in Bible, Talmud and Jewish philosophy, with the commentaries and paraphrases in any of

the three languages- Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac. Four of the students of this class are also students of the university, viz.: Israel Aaron in the third year; Nathan Cohn in the second year; Alexander Ullman and Henry Berkowitz in the first year. Two of them will enter the university this fall, viz.: Joseph Krauskopf and David Philipson, the latter has been the recipient of the gold medal as the most successful scholar of the high school. Isaac Rubenstein enters the graduating class in the high school.

The Council (proceedings of Milwaukee, p. 455), having ordained to give one first and one second prize to the two most competent graduates from this Preparatory Department, I propose for the first prize ALEXANDER ULLMAN, and for the second prize ISRAEL AARON and DAVID PHILIPSON, subject to the decision of the Examiners.

Next to the above Grade follow the five students of Grade B, viz.: Ludwig Grossman, Sigmund Klein, Morris Sachs, Joseph Silverman and William Loewenberg, one of them, Moses S. Hahn, died in the city of Memphis, Tenn., of the prevalent scourge that raged during the last summer.

This class stands co-equal with Grade A in history, Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac grammar, Bible, Rashi and Targum readings. In *Mishna* this Grade has read *Baba Kamma*, *Mezia* and *Bathra*. In the Talmud it has read *Berachoth* 13a to 20b, 26a to 35b, 45a to 50a and 54a and b.

Next to these come Grade C with five, and Grade D with seven students, as follows:

GRADE C.

Charles Silverman, Ohio.
Morris Berkowitz, Pennsylvania.
Herman Messing, California.
Joseph Stolz, New York.
L. M. Myers, Illinois.

GRADE D.

Michael Simon, Ohio.
Moses Jacobson, Indiana.
Louis S. Strauss, Pennsylvania.
L. Loewenstein, Ohio.
B. Bing, Ohio.
Sol. C. Weill, North Carolina.
Elijah Wise, Louisiana.

Grades O and D have together gone in the study of history to 44 A. C., in Hebrew grammar to Syntax; in Bible, over Exodus and Samuel with *Rashi* to Exodus xix. to xxii.

Grade C has read *Mishnah Berachoth*, *Yoma* I. to III., 3, vii. and viii.; *Succah* iv. and v.; *Rosh Hashonah*, *Megillah*, *Taanith*, *Moed Katan* and *Chagigah* I. and II.; and in *Talmud Berachoth* twenty-three pages to 13a.

Grade D has read in *Mishnah Aboth* and *Sanhedrin* five chapters to vi. and chapter x.

The Preparatory Department having been in full operation, your teachers now know by facts and experience exactly what can be accomplished in this department in four years. Basing on this, on the criticism of the previous examiners and committees in the Council on this subject, and in unison with the report of the Commission, the new curriculum must be established.

TEACHERS.

During the past year the following Preceptors have taught in this Department: Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, history in all Grades, four hours weekly.

Preceptor Solomon Eppinger has taught *Talmud* and *Mishnah* in Grades B and C; Hebrew grammar reviewed, and translation from English into Hebrew in Grades A and B, and Aramaic grammar in Grade B, eleven hours weekly.

Preceptor Louis Aufrecht has taught Bible, Hebrew grammar and *Rashi* in Grades D and C, *Mishnah* in Grade D, ten hours weekly.

Both Preceptors have given extra lessons to students when deemed necessary, so that Sol. C. Weill, of Wilmington, N. C., was enabled to go through Grade D since January 1st; and Joseph Stolz, of Syracuse, N. Y., and L. M. Myers, of Springfield, Ill., both being prepared for the university, were enabled to pass through Grades D and C in one scholastic year.

I have taught *Talmud* and *Rambam* in Grade A, Bible, *Rashi*, *Targum* and Syriac grammar in Grades A and B, eleven hours weekly.

Your teachers, it affords me great pleasure to state, are competent and conscientious, and work with enthusiasm and success. The discipline is excellent, and God's blessing has rested upon the work.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS.

The number of students in this Preparatory Department is, perhaps, smaller than some of its patrons wish or anticipated. The cause is simply this :

1. The students of this department are, with a very few exceptions, determined to go through the whole course of the College and graduate as rabbis. The conviction has been formed by a number of facts that scholars who make use of the Preparatory Department for the purpose of learning some Hebrew, and regard it as a higher class of Sabbath-school, are of no benefit to the institute; and the Union of A. H. C. can not afford to pay salaries to teachers in order to give such instruction to pupils, which may be had by private tutors, or should actually be given in the congregational Sabbath-schools. Therefore, the number of students is limited to actual students, whose intention and desire it is to graduate as rabbis, both in this College and the University.

2. Only young men of superior talent can go successfully through this College; their task is severe. Besides the usual academic studies, they must also master the whole Hebrew-rabbinical material, which can only be done by young men of superior talent, and their number is naturally small. Still, it can not be intended by the Union of A. H. C. to educate rabbis of secondary talent. Therefore, quite a number of students have withdrawn or have been tacitly dropped out of this department, as will always be the case, and only the most gifted ones remain.

It is, by the limitations, noticed that after four years of work, ten to twelve hours a week and ten months a year (Jewish holidays excepted), this department has succeeded in presenting to you a number of American boys who have done the fundamental work; so that, to the best of my knowledge, we are enabled to open a collegiate class with students as well prepared as those

who go to similar colleges in Berlin, Breslau, Paris or Pesth ; and there is no institute of the same grade anywhere that has done more or better in Hebrew literature than this department, whose students have not been hindered one hour from attending the high school or university, where each of them ranks well.

I had prepared a curriculum for the Preparatory Department of the College, based on facts of experience during the last four years, as also a course of study for the first Collegiate Class of the Hebrew Union College, which is being based on the advancement of our students that will graduate from the preparatory classes, and are prepared to enter the first class of the College; but, as the Fifth Annual Council of the U. A. H. C. constituted a commission—of which I am a member—to prepare a plan of instruction for the College and Preparatory Department, I have thought proper not to present my individual views in this report, but will await the convening of the next Council, at which time, I trust, an opportunity may be afforded me to state my views fully on this subject.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CINCINNATI.

Permit me, also, Mr. President, to report to the Board that this College is largely indebted for its success to the excellency of the public schools of Cincinnati, and the good will, especially of the Rector and Faculty of the University, the Superintendent of the Public Schools, and the Principals and teachers of the high schools, extended to our students on all occasions by those worthies ; and to extend to them the thanks of this Board in behalf of the Union of A. H. C.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library of this College consists now of thirteen hundred and ninety-six volumes, a catalogue of which is now in course of preparation. The friends of the cause have generously provided us with quite a number of rare volumes. There is left a balance of seventy-five dollars from the five hundred dollars appropriated by Council for the purchase of books. I have, in former reports, rendered an account of the money spent. I beg you to

recommend to Council an annual appropriation of two hundred and fifty dollars, besides the balance on hand, for the purchase of books. We expect that the friends of the cause will continue to provide this Library with books not yet in our possession.

CONCLUSION.

Permit me, Mr. President and gentlemen, to say in conclusion, ברכת ה' אליכם—"The blessing of God to you." It has been upon you and this work from the beginning, and may it remain with you until you have finished the entire sacred structure, and until you have seen, for many blessed years, the graduates of this College expound the law of God to the myriads of Israel in light, truth and purity. You advance the standard of intelligence, unfold the banner of truth and humanity to the rising generation, and re-capture the כתר הורה—"Crown of the Law" for the American Israel. Success will be your reward, the blessing of future generations, your satisfaction; the consciousness of doing a great and glorious work, your pride; and the grace of God your crown of victory. Hail and happiness to the Union of A. H. C.; to you, gentlemen; to the ladies who support us and the friends who encourage us, and the generous donors who strengthen us. Hail and happiness to the valiant banner-bearers in Israel.

Your most obedient servant,

ISAAC M. WISE,
President of the Hebrew Union College.

Report of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights.

To the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights present their first annual report:

During the past year there has, happily, been little occasion for the active exercise of the functions committed to this Board in the event of encroachments upon the civil or religious rights of Israelites at home or abroad.

I.

Although the emancipation of the Hebrews of Roumania is not complete, the dominant party striving pertinaciously to maintain the policy of oppression, there is no alternative for them save to accept the decree of the Berlin Treaty; and the adoption of the requisite laws is simply a question of time.

There is nothing for American Israelites to do at present in furtherance of this object.

II.

The condition of the Hebrews of Morocco continues to excite a painful interest. We must recognize the cordial sympathy manifested by the United States Consul at Tangiers (Hon. Felix A. Mathews), who, at the suggestion of the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, was instructed by the State Department "to inquire into the condition of the Jews in the Empire of Morocco, and to consult for the amelioration of their

status, and to take such steps toward the accomplishment of the end desired, consistent with his international obligations to that government."

Mr. Mathews, in a communication, of which a copy was transmitted to us by the State Department, refers to an incident that demonstrated his influence in Morocco, and contributed to the rescue of several Israelites from persecution and death. The community of Arzila, in Morocco, warmly acknowledged our Consul's intervention.

The famine has continued in Morocco, but the latest advices received at the State Department, by cable dispatch of May, 1879, on inquiries made at the request of a member of this Board, convey intelligence of a cessation of suffering.

III.

We have received through the State Department a communication from the United States Consul at Jerusalem (Hon. J. G. Wilson), announcing the formation of an American community in that city, and requesting that this fact be brought to the attention of the leading Israelites of the United States, so that direct relations be had with the newly-formed congregation. While we appreciate the generous thoughtfulness of the Consul, who has on several occasions been the faithful almoner of American Israelites seeking to aid their brethren in the Holy Land, we do not deem it expedient at this time to act upon this communication in view of the fact that a "Commission for Work in Palestine" has been organized at Paris under the auspices of the "Alliance Israelite Universelle" and including among its members representatives of several countries.

This Commission was formed in response to the suggestion of the Conference at Paris, in August, 1878, on the report of a committee whereof Rev. H. S. Jacobs, of this Board, was a member.

The "Alliance" requested Mr. Jacobs to bring the subject before this Board; and besides that gentleman, Rev. George Jacobs, of Philadelphia; Simon Wolf, of Washington, and Moritz Ellinger and M. S. Isaacs, of New York, have been appointed upon the Commission.

From the international character of this organization, it may be anticipated that its conclusions will fully meet all questions concerning Palestine which have an abiding interest for our brethren, and we do not favor action as to contributions to the Holy Land modifying the present system until a report is made by the Commission.

IV.

The Board has maintained friendly correspondence with the Anglo-Jewish Association as well as the "Alliance."

In future years, however, the aid extended by American Israelites to the work so nobly, intelligently and usefully maintained by the "Alliance" will be more reliable and substantial.

Since the Jewish Orders have decided to co-operate by annual collections in every Lodge, there will be a handsome income available for contribution to the fund, by which schools and industrial institutions are supported, for the benefit of our brethren in the Orient. The congregations represented in the Union will certainly, when the opportunity is afforded them, cordially assist in a movement that promises so much for the elevation of their Eastern co-religionists.

V.

A Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Moritz Ellinger, Julius Bien and Myer Stern, was appointed to consider the question, referred to by the Executive Board, of opening avenues for the employment and residence of Israelites in agricultural districts of our country.

The report of the committee, which has been approved by this Board, is as follows:

To the President of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights:

SIR:—Your committee appointed to take into consideration the resolutions referred to the Board by the Executive Board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in reference to the encouragement to be given to agricultural pursuits by Israelites, beg leave to report.

If it is true that he who makes a blade of grass grow where none grew before, is a benefactor of humanity, then certainly every project which is directed to the increase of agricultural pursuits must deserve the serious consideration of the friends of humanity and civilization. Whatever benefits modern civilization has brought us, it can not be denied that it has also burdened us with gigantic evils, which society must mitigate and finally remove, if they are not to endanger the very existence of the social structure. One of these evils, probably the most serious, which our present generation and the succeeding ones will have to deal with, is the concentration of immense populations in large cities, and the withdrawal of large masses from the occupation most natural to man, that of tilling the soil and applying directly to nature for the support of life. The selection of industrial and commercial avocations instead of that of agriculture, has converted too many that should have been producers into consumers; the industrial labor market has become overcrowded, causing a depreciation of the value of labor with all the attending difficulties that make the subject of capital and labor the great "burning question" of the day. To the large population that has swelled the army of industrial laborers, and the so-called middle-men, who attend to the distribution of the products of soil and industry among consumers, must be added the immense forces which modern inventions have brought into competition with labor, and we can not see any better way out of the dilemma than a return to first principles, a return to nature, to the old mother, who has never refused the petition of man, when appealed to with stout hands and willing hearts.

Guided by these views, we have approached the subject of "How best to encourage agricultural pursuits among Israelites," in the belief that the success of our project would render a benefit to humanity, to society at large, and would contribute, though perhaps in a slight degree, to the solution of one of the most vexed questions of modern times.

The Jew, as such, possesses all the qualifications that would constitute a good and successful farmer. He is sober, persevering, of simple habits, thrifty, accustomed to paying close at-

tention to small details as well as to the main duties of his work; he is devoted to his family and given to lead a patriarchal life, is apt to create a home where he can feel himself an equal among equals.

The long estrangement from agricultural pursuits, which a nomadic life has forced upon the Jews for ages, has led to the mistake that the Jews would not follow the vocation of the farmer; he is charged with the desire of shifting upon other shoulders such hard work as is entailed by the pursuits of the husbandman. This is all wrong. His reputation as a hard-working man is well established and well earned; we need only ask the hundreds of thriving and influential mechanics, merchants and proprietors of large industrial establishments in this country and in Europe, men who have begun at the foot of the ladder, and hear if their perseverance, their endurance, their patience, was not equal to the severest strain the human frame can endure. The Jews were simply deprived of the opportunities of becoming tillers of the soil. Up to within a few decades they were not permitted to own a foot of land; their permanency in any country was problematical, previous to the period when the French Revolution and the proclamation of human rights by the American people, placed forever a bar between the past, in which Jews lived on sufferance and the present in which every human being finds a guarantee of his rights as man through the conquest of our advanced civilization.

Encourage the Jew in resuming the original vocation of his ancestors, that of cultivating the soil, and you will find that at no distant day you will have dotted the countries, wherever liberty presides as the genius of government, with men who appreciate the value of true independence, which no man enjoys in equal degree with him, who depends on nature for his subsistence, on his labor for success in life; with men who will love the soil that is now as much the true mother of the thrifty as of old; with citizens who will be exemplary patriots, devoted and true to the country, which promises equal protection to all her children.

We can not hope, however, to change at once a disposition which centuries have crystallized, nor is it our object to establish

in this or any other country a colony founded upon sect or race. We only wish to organize a school, as it were, for the education of Jewish boys as farmers and to assist men, single or fathers of families, who are intent upon following the vocation of farming, and settle somewhere on the soil of freedom as free men and good citizens. We freely bestow our charity upon the needy, take care of the helpless of our race, because it is our duty to do so, though we are not less free in assisting all other charitable enterprises, regardless of sect or race.

The greatest charity of all, however, is that which enables the recipient to work out his own independence, and become, in his turn, the benefactor of those who need assistance.

The timeliness and desirability of the project seem to meet with general approval; the public press has taken very favorable notice of it, and Jewish organizations have expressed their sympathy and held out encouragements. The question now is, how to go to work in the most practical manner. It seems to us that it were best to make a small beginning which would form the corner-stone, as it were, of a grand structure to be erected in the near future, a structure that would throw its protecting shadow over two hemispheres.

Our plan would be to acquire, in the first instance, a farm for the purpose of a school for the proper training of young American boys. We have industrial schools at our orphan asylums for the training of our orphan children in certain industrial acquirements. Would it not be well to have a school established under the auspices of the American Union for the training of pupils of these institutions, and other Jewish lads, as farmers and land cultivators? Such a school in its practical import would well take rank with our colleges, and obtain for us the sympathy of the great masses of our co religionists. It could be established at a comparatively small outlay, and would not fail, if managed wisely, to bring a full return for the capital invested. Soldiers could be trained in that school that would form an army of peace, of which future generations would be proud.

In the second instance, we would recommend the acquisition of a tract of land, either South or West, and which could be ac-

quired under very favorable conditions, for the location of such persons or families as are found, after careful investigation, to possess the requisite qualifications for founding and maintaining a home, men that have already a practical knowledge of farming, and are able and willing to go to work with an earnest determination. The outlay for the equipment of these families would not be very large, probably not exceeding \$300 per family, which sum would remain a lien upon the property and chattels until liquidated. The money required to make the experiment with fifty families could, in our opinion, be easily obtained from our brethren throughout the country, and the foundation thus be laid of an enterprise that will, in our opinion, confer untold benefits upon our people and upon the community.

For the present, it will probably be best to restrict ourselves to the extent indicated above.

There is every prospect, however, that there are thousands of Jews in the old country who possess the necessary qualifications, practical knowledge, physical ability and firm determination, who would gladly avail themselves of an opportunity of earning their independence, if they were assisted in working out their own destiny.

Millions of acres of the most fertile soil in this country await but the strong arm of man to yield the bounties which a kind Providence has stored in nature's lap. To give these people the opportunity of enrolling themselves among the sinew of the working men of the world, would be an act of the greatest humanity, a performance of the highest religious duty, and the difficulties could be easily overcome that are seemingly in the way of such a project. However, the accomplishment thereof could not be well effected without the direct co-operation of our sister societies and congregations of Europe, of which we feel confident, if properly presented.

Let us, in the meantime, make the smaller beginnings. On their success or failure will largely depend the success or failure of the greater, the international project, if we may so term it. The consideration of the latter may best be left for

the time being to the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MYER S. ISAACS,
President.

ADOLPH S. SANGER,
Secretary.

NEW YORK, June 12, 1879.

Report of Examiners of Hebrew Union College.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—Your committee appointed by the Fifth Annual Council of the U. A. H. C., assembled in Milwaukee in the month of July, 1878, to examine the students of the Preparatory Classes of the Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati, beg leave to submit to you the following report:

The school is divided into four grades, of which the highest is designated by the letter A, and the lowest by the letter D.

As teachers, the following gentlemen have officiated, viz.:

Rev. Dr. Wise, who, at the same time acted as President of the institution, Rev. Dr. Lilienthal, Mr. S. Eppinger and Mr. L. Aufrecht.

Prof. Dr. Wise instructed in the following branches:

In Grades A and B: Reading of the Aramaic chapters in Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah; selected portions of the Targumim, Chaldaic and Syriac Grammar.

In Grade A: Sanhedrin, pp. 90 *a* to 100 *a*; Chulin, 42 *a* to 61 *a*; furthermore, in Maimon's *Yad-Hachazakah* Hilchoth Theshubah, entirely, and in Hilchoth Shechitah, chapters 3 to 12.

Prof. Dr. Lilienthal instructed Grades C and D in Jewish History to the year 44 A. C. E., the Grades A and B to the beginning of the Saburaim period.

Preceptor S. Eppinger taught the following branches:

Mishnah in Grade C: Yoma, chapters 1, 2, 3, 8; Succah 4 and 5; Rosh Hashonah, Thaanith, Megillah, Moed Koton, Chagigah, chapters 1 and 2, and Berachoth.

Mishnah in Grade B: Baba Kamma, B. Metzia and B. Bathra. Talmud: in Grade C, Berachoth, from pp. 1 *a* to 13 *a*; in Grade B, *Ibid.*, pp. 13 *a* to 20 *b*; 26 *a* to 35 *b*; 45 *a* to 50 *a*; 54 *a* and *b*.

Bible: In Grades A and B, Isaiah, chapters 40 to 66, and in connection therewith Hebrew Grammar.

Preceptor L. Aufrecht instructed the students of Grade D in Mishnah: Aboth and Sanhedrin; Rashi: Exodus, chapters 19 to 22; and with Grades C and D he read, translated and analyzed, grammatically, the books Exodus and Samuel I.

Two hours of every day in the week (Sunday excepted), were devoted to instruction. The students of the Hebrew Union College were also regularly enrolled among the pupils of the high schools and university of the city. It became apparent to the examiners that the addition of the Hebrew and kindred branches to the usual studies was not a drawback to the students in their progress in other studies; on the contrary, it seems as though those additional branches had a stimulating influence upon the mental faculties and the diligence of the students; for, some of them are among the most advanced in their respective classes of the other institutions which they visited. Neither was their time too much taxed by giving them every afternoon or evening two hours' instruction in the Hebrew branches.

To the examination of the students we devoted on, June 23d, the hours from 10 to 12 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.; on June 25th, similarly, fully five hours, and on June 26th, the hours from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

The examination was mostly conducted by the examiners themselves, and was thorough and searching. To say that we found the standing of the scholars to be not only satisfactory but surpassing our expectations, is not more than justice. Both instructors and the instructed deserve the fullest appreciation. It can not be doubted that all of them were devoted to the work with heart and soul.

With particular gratification we mention especially that the teachers in all classes insisted upon philological and grammati-

cal exactness. No slovenly reading, no false pronunciation or accentation, no half-right analyzing was allowed. What was taught was taught thoroughly. And here we must remark that we found that the study of the Chaldaic and Syriac Grammar was a great aid to the students of the upper grade in their reading of the Talmud, for with the help of it they more easily acquired a lucid understanding of the character of the language of the Talmud, its peculiar construction, and the technical terms and phrases used therein. If the great philological difficulties were thereby more easily overcome, the respective substances treated could then be more rapidly and fully mastered; and, indeed, some of the scholars showed a high degree of proficiency, a thorough familiarity with the subjects read and explained, and have entered understandingly into the fine-spun talmudical dialectics.

And so it is, *mutatis mutandis*, in all branches taught. As an instance, only the following may be stated:

In order to see whether the students had really mastered the subjects taught, a number of questions, eight in all, were dictated by the examiners to the students of Grade A, concerning matter treated in Maimon's *Hilchoth Theshubah*, and in a few hours after the young gentlemen were ready with their written answers, all of them being more or less correct; and in substantiating the answers given they all properly cited chapters and halachas.

As an especially commendable feature of the instruction of Jewish history by Prof. Dr. Lilienthal, we mention that the students in all classes had been made acquainted with a very large number of terms, sentences and sayings of historical import in their Hebrew or Aramaic original language. The scholars recited then with fluency and correctness.

As to the German, we only had time enough to examine Grade A. The students read with fluency in Back's "*Geschichte der Juden*," and translated the passages correctly into English.

According to our opinion, the students of the A Grade are fully prepared to enter upon a collegiate course proper.

In conclusion, we beg to say that, with especial gratification,

we can testify to the efficiency and devotedness of all the professors and preceptors, without an exception. We sincerely congratulate them, and express our full appreciation of the results achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. ADOLF HUEBSCH,
DR. BERNHARD FELSENTHAL.
DR. AARON HAHN.

CINCINNATI, June 26, 1879.

Report of the Committee on Statistics.

To the Sixth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

REPRESENTATIVES:—The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Fourth Annual Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to act in conjunction with a similar committee that was appointed by the Board of Delegates of American Israelites, for the purpose of obtaining the statistics of the Israelites of the United States, embracing all sources of useful information relating to our co-religionists and their institutions during the first century of American Independence, beg leave to report that the Joint Committee then organized, with the appointment of William B. Hackenburg, Esq., as its Chairman. He at once laid out plans for the complete prosecution of the work. With his indomitable perseverance and tact, he distributed about two thousand circulars and blank forms through the mails to a few of the most prominent Israelites, congregations, societies, etc., in the various cities and towns in the United States where our co-religionists were known to exist, thus obtaining pretty accurate statistics of the Jewish population in

such city and town, with the number of congregations, societies, Sabbath-schools, teachers and children in attendance, value of congregational property, etc.

The Council, at its former sessions, as well as the Board of Delegates, made liberal appropriations to enable the Joint Committee to prosecute the work vigorously, with a view to having it completed during the Centennial year. The committee soon ascertained that, with the vast amount of labor required, and the extreme tardiness exhibited in some communities, it was impracticable for them to obtain the desired information; hence, the committee were deterred from having this important work completed at that time.

As stated in the report of the Joint Committee made to the last annual Council, it appears that, from the 2,000 circulars issued, they have heard from 1,004 different cities and towns, in which there are 224 congregations, having an aggregate of 12,193 members, owning \$4,807,110 in real estate. Property belonging to public institutions, under Jewish control, estimated at nearly two millions of dollars; Sabbath-schools with 657 teachers and 12,899 scholars, showing a population of about 250,000 Israelites in the United States.

The committee regret that they have not been enabled to make any further progress with this important undertaking during the past year.

The dissolution of the Board of Delegates, that institution having been merged into the Union of American Hebrew Congregations by the action of the last Council, has virtually dissolved the Joint Committee to whom was intrusted this important work, and which deprived this committee of the invaluable services of the Chairman, William B. Hackenburg, Esq., through whose instrumentality and energy we are indebted for having the work thus far advanced.

The committee, therefore, report progress, and ask your honorable body to enlarge the committee to its original number, with power to complete the work, and have the same printed, for distribution, in such form and manner as they may deem proper, believing that the statistics of the Jewish population of the

United States, with such other accessible information appertaining to our co-religionists and their institutions, will be a useful and interesting document for present and future reference.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB EZEKIEL,
Cincinnati, O.,

LEWIS ABRAHAM,
Washington, D. C.,

JACOB FURTH,
St. Louis, Mo.,

A. W. RICH,
Milwaukee, Wis.,

PHILIP LEWIN,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

} Committee Union
of American Hebrew
Congregations.

To Applicants for Admission to the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, O.

SESSION 1879-'80.

Candidates asking admission to the Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College are required to report for examination on the first Monday in September. They must be able to gain admission to the Cincinnati High School, which requires proficiency in English grammar, arithmetic, geography, American history and the rudiments of algebra. They must be able to pass an examination in Hebrew grammar beyond the regular verb (שלמים), history of Israel from Abraham to Zerubabel, and translating from the Hebrew any passage in Genesis. Ad-

vanced students can be placed by examination in advanced grades. It will be unnecessary for candidates to present themselves for admission as students of the Hebrew Union College if not possessed of the above qualifications.

CANDIDATES FOR THE HIGHER GRADES.

Candidates for admission in any of the higher grades (C, B or A) must pass a satisfactory examination for any respective grade; in Hebrew and Aramaic grammars, in Bible, Mishnah, Talmud and History, as prescribed in each grade, and have a corresponding knowledge in Latin, Greek, Mathematics and General history, and they will be graded according to examination. No student will be retained in the Hebrew Union College who shall fail *to pass* at the annual examination of the College, High School or University, unless for reasons satisfactory to the Board of Governors.

FIRST COLLEGIATE CLASS.

The first collegiate class also will be organized the first Monday in September; all candidates must be present. Candidates for this class must be able to gain admission to the University, which requires the usual proficiency in the classics, mathematics and the sciences, as in Yale, Harvard or such other colleges. Examination in the Hebrew and rabbinical studies to be established by the present Council. As an unofficial standard, the graduating class of this Preparatory Department may be taken. This grade was examined in Torah, with Rashi and Targum Onkelos *prima vista* readings, Deuteronomy, Isaiah xl. to the end; Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, analytical readings; Talmud *Chulin*, pp. 40 to 60, and *Sanhedrin*, pp. 90 to 100; from *Fal Hachasakah*, HILCHOTH THESHUBAH, and in SHECHITOTH the chapters corresponding to the above *Chulin* section; in Hebrew, Aramaic and Syriac grammars; and in Jewish history to 500 A. C. The graduates of this grade go to the first collegiate class and to the University. Fresh candidates must naturally be able to work along with them.

Candidates are required to produce satisfactory papers from

the schools which they attended, and the communities in which they lived.

FREE TUITION FOR ALL DENOMINATIONS.

The laws governing the Hebrew Union College provide that the College shall be open *not only* to Israelites, *but to* students of all denominations, gratuitously. Young men desirous of obtaining the advantages of a thorough course of studies at the Hebrew Union College can also receive a complete classical education at the Cincinnati High Schools and University, at which are taught all the sciences and most essential ancient and modern languages gratuitously.

Tuition in the Hebrew Union College *is free to all, without religious test and without registering fees.* The hours of tuition are from 4 to 6 P. M., daily, which will not interfere with the secular studies, they being from 8 A. M. until 2 P. M. daily.

JEWISH ORPHAN ASYLUMS.

The Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College tender annually "one free scholarship" in the College to the most meritorious boy in each of all the Jewish orphan asylums in the United States, provided each boy shall, on leaving the asylum, at the time fixed for the limit of his stay in such institution, according to its regulations, have the necessary qualifications for entering the College.

The free scholarship consists of tuition in the Hebrew Union College, in the three departments, viz.: Preparatory, Hebrew, and Classical and Rabbinical, together with a thorough scientific and classical course of education at the Cincinnati High School and University, during which time he will be provided with boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., and particular attention paid to his moral and religious training.

INDIGENT STUDENTS.

While the laws governing the Hebrew Union College have made no provision for the maintenance of students who are unable to provide themselves with food and raiment during the term of

their course of studies at the College, High School and University at Cincinnati, nevertheless, through the wisdom, foresight and indefatigable perseverance of our worthy co-religionist, Moritz Loth, Esq., of Cincinnati, aided by the never-failing exertions of our true and noble mothers in Israel, establishing upward of one hundred Ladies' Educational Aid Societies in a large number of cities and towns throughout the United States, with a small annual contribution of ONE DOLLAR, which is cheerfully donated by each member, and is not felt as too great a tax individually for the praiseworthy object it is intended to cultivate; still, in the aggregate, a few thousand dollars are raised and placed at the disposal of the Board of Governors, which enables them to provide the necessaries of life for a limited number of students who otherwise would be deprived of valuable education, but now may become the banner-bearers of Judaism, to the honor and glory of Israel. Therefore, a limited number of students will be received into the College who can come well recommended in regard to their moral character, and possessed of the necessary qualifications for admission, for whom will be furnished free boarding, lodging, clothing, etc., and they shall also receive a scientific and classical education at the Cincinnati High Schools and University.

All necessary information relative to the terms of boarding and lodging, etc., at Cincinnati, can be obtained on application to Solomon Levi, Esq., Chairman of the Committee on Accommodation, etc.

Petitions for stipends must be addressed to Bernhard Bettmann, Esq., President of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio, during the month of July, 1879.

ISAAC M. WISE,

President of the Hebrew Union College.

CINCINNATI, July 1, 1879.

Supplementary Report.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS, H. U. C., }
CINCINNATI, July 7, 1879. }

To the President and Executive Board of the U. A. H. C.:

GENTLEMEN:—Conforming to the established custom of laying before you a full account of the proceedings of this Board to the end of the scholastic year, I herewith respectfully beg leave to present the following report:

The examination of the four classes, composing the now fully-organized Preparatory Department of the Hebrew Union College, took place at the temporary College rooms in the vestry of the Temple of K. K. Bene Yeshurun on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 23d, 25th and 26th, and was conducted by the official examiners, appointed by the Fifth Council, the Rev. Drs. Huebsch, Felsenthal and Hahn, whose report will be found in the foregoing proceedings, and is herewith respectfully submitted.

The usual commencement exercises took place at Eureka Hall, which was gratuitously placed at our disposal by the owners, Messrs. Freiberg and Workum, and gave general satisfaction to a large number of visitors.

We are again called upon to offer our sincere thanks to the Rev. Drs. Isaac M. Wise and Max Lilienthal for their noble, untiring labors, faithfully and gratuitously performed, and for the cheerfulness with which they again offered their valuable services for the ensuing year.

The Board, under the authority given it by law, was preparing the distribution of prizes to the most deserving members of the graduating class. It affords me sincere pleasure to record here that when this information reached the students, they unanimously, in a written petition, requested the Board not to carry out this purpose, as they "required no artificial stimulus," and

did not wish, by preferences shown to any of their number, to endanger the fraternal harmony existing among them, to which request the Board saw fit to cheerfully accede.

At the last meeting of the Board, held June 30th, payments were ordered to be made amounting to \$878.43, of which amount there is chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund \$464.15, and \$414.28 to the General Fund for salaries, expenses of examination of the students, and other incidental expenses of the Board and College, making our total expenses for the year, from the 1st of July, 1878, to the 30th of June, 1879, \$8,408.62, of which amount \$4,806.86 was paid to the support of indigent students, and \$3,602.76 for general expenses of the College.

In accordance with Section 3, Article VI., of the Constitution, the Board beg leave to submit to you the following

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

For salaries of Professor and Preceptors.....	\$ 4,000 00
“ Support of Indigent Students.....	5,000 00
“ Preparatory Department, New York....	1,500 00
“ Expenses attending examinations.....	500 00
“ Secretary's salary.....	150 00
“ Janitor's “.....	84 00
“ Gas and fuel.....	150 00
“ School books.....	200 00
“ Incidental expenses.....	416 00
Total.....	<u>\$12,000 00</u>

The term of office of the following members of this Board is about to expire :

Josiah Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa. ; Jacob Ezekiel, Cincinnati, O. ; A. E. Frankland, Memphis, Tenn. ; Julius Freiberg, Cincinnati, O. ; Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch, New York ; M. A. Rosenblatt, St. Louis, Mo. ; Samuel Ullmann, Louisville, Ky. ; A. J. Friedlander, Cincinnati, O.

Mr. L. Aufrecht, who, during the past year, has had nearly all of the non-resident students of the College under his care, and who deserves our acknowledgments for the fidelity shown, both by him and his excellent wife, to their responsible trust, has been compelled, by the state of Mrs. Aufrecht's health, to de-

cline accepting it again for the ensuing year. The Board has, therefore, made similar arrangements with Mr. Louis Rothenberg, and has no doubt that the interests of our wards will again be faithfully guarded.

The Board is now ready to open the first Collegiate Class of the College proper, and recommends the vigorously-growing institution to your care, hoping that the next Council will take such steps as will secure it the means to liberally provide for all its requirements, and to carry out fully the purposes for which it was created.

Thanking—not as a mere matter of form, but for good cause, and most heartily and sincerely—my colleagues of the Board for the great kindness they have uniformly shown me during the time I had the great honor to preside over them, I remain, with best wishes for the speedy success of our cause,

Respectfully yours,

B. BETTMANN,

President Board of Governors.

On the suggestion of Mr. Lewis May, the Secretary read to the Council the preamble and the first and second articles of the Constitution.

On motion of Mr. Lipman Levy, the President was authorized to appoint such special Committees as he might deem necessary.

Letters were read from Mons. Adolph Cremieux, of the Alliance Israelite of France, and Baron Henry De Worms, of the Anglo-Jewish Association of England, which letters were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Correspondence to be appointed.

Rev. Henry S. Jacobs offered the following, which was referred to the same Committee:

Recognizing the mutual work in the cause of Judaism in which kindred organizations are engaged in other countries, we hereby offer the hand of fraternity and fellowship to the Alliance Israelite Universelle of Paris, the Anglo-Jewish Alliance of London, the Alliance of Vienna, and the Gemeindebund of Leipzig.

Resolved, That the several Presidents of these Associations be elected honorary members of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Letters were read from the Superintendent of the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, and the President of the Hebrew Free School Association, both of this city, inviting the Council to visit these institutions. On motion of Mr. Josiah Cohen, the invitations were accepted with thanks.

Mr. Adolph L. Sanger, in behalf of the Israelites of this city, tendered an invitation to the Council to a reception this evening at Standard Hall, and to a banquet at Delmonico's on Thursday evening, 10th inst.; both of which invitations were unanimously accepted.

Invitations were also received and accepted to visit places of worship next Sabbath and to attend the meeting of the Ministerial Association.

The Convention then took a recess for thirty minutes to enable the President to select members for the various Committees.

On reassembling, the President announced the following Committees:

ON HEBREW UNION COLLEGE.

Adam A. Kramer,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. Samuel Hirsch,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Dr. F. De Sola Mendes,	New York City.
Josiah Cohen,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Leopold Oppenheimer,	Victoria, Texas.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

Rev. George Jacobs,	Lynchburg, Va.
Solomon Levi,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch,	New York City.
Abraham Falk,	Charleston, S. C.
Isaac Cantrovitz,	La Crosse, Wis.

ON FINANCE.

Leopold Haas,	New York City.
B. H. Feustman,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Max Leon,	Cincinnati, O.
G. H. Judah,	Memphis, Tenn.
Levi Bamberger,	Louisville, Ky.

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Bernhard Bettmann,	Cincinnati, O.
Abraham Stein,	New York City.
Menko Stern,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Joseph Simon,	New Orleans, La.
B. Hysinger,	St. Louis, Mo.

ON REPORTS OF CONGREGATIONS.

Meyer Hellman,	Omaha, Neb.
David Teller,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Hezekiah Kohn,	New York City.
Julius Freiberg,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. L. Wintner,	Brooklyn, N. Y.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE A.

Lewis May,	New York City.
Mayer Sulzberger,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. I. L. Leucht,	New Orleans, La.
Simon Wolf,	Washington, D. C.
Rev. Henry J. Messing,	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Dr. Aaron Wise,	New York City.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE B.

Myer S. Isaacs,	New York.
Julius Rosenfield,	Galveston, Texas.
Rev. M. Samfield,	Memphis, Tenn.
Alfred T. Jones,	Wilmington, N. C.
Max L. Gutmann,	Rochester, N. Y.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE C.

M. A. Rosenblatt,	St. Louis, Mo.
Samuel Henle,	Louisville, Ky.
Siegmund Levyn,	Buffalo, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. H. Zirndorf,	Detroit, Mich.
Adolph L. Sanger,	New York City.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE D.

J. D. Levy,	Quincy, Ill.
Solomon Mossler,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Isaac Waldman,	Albany, N. Y.
Julius Barkhouse,	Louisville, Ky.
Abraham Hoffheimer,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. Max Landsberg,	Rochester, N. Y.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE E.

Rev. Henry S. Jacobs,	New York City.
David Klein,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Sigmund Mann,	Cleveland, O.
Charles Baum,	Washington, D. C.
Joseph Loth,	New York City.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE F.

Lewis Abraham,	Washington, D. C.
Philip Lewin,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Edgar M. Johnson,	Cincinnati, O.
Marcus Berliner,	New York City.
Rev. Isaac S. Moses,	Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Alfred T. Jones offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the President of the Executive Board as refers to the Hebrew Union College be referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

That so much of his report as refers to the Sabbath be referred to Special Committee A.

That so much of his report as refers to Circuit Preaching be referred to Special Committee B.

That so much of his report as refers to a Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary be referred to Special Committee C.

That so much of his report as refers to Agricultural Pursuits be referred to Special Committee D.

Resolved, That the report of the Secretary referring to the receipts and disbursements, and the Report of the Treasurer and the "Summary of Expenses" contained in the Report of the Board of Governors, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the remainder of the Report of the Board of Governors, the Reports of the President of the Hebrew Union College, and of the examiners of the Hebrew Union College, be referred to the Committee on Hebrew Union College.

Resolved, That the first, second, third and fourth sections of the Report of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights be referred to Special Committee E.

That section five of that report be referred to Special Committee D.

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee on Statistics be referred to Special Committee F.

Resolved, That the letter book of the Secretary and the letters received by the Executive Board be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

Resolved, That the accounts between the Union and its members be referred to the Committee on Reports of Congregations.

Mr. J. S. Young offered the following, which was referred to Special Committee D:

WHEREAS, It has become necessary to further the material interests of our co-religionists in the United States, to foster, follow and preserve agriculture and its kindred branches; and,

WHEREAS, The happiness, prosperity and independence of our rising generation are greatly dependent upon this issue; and,

WHEREAS, Some of the charitable institutions, directly under our control, such as orphan asylums, could at once be made to form a nucleus best adapted to reach this end; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this body to confer with the officers of the various institutions under their charge for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of placing such institutions upon farming lands, so as to be enabled to instill into our youth a course of theoretical and practical knowledge of farming and a desire for agricultural pursuits.

Rev. Geo. S. Jacobs offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Publication be instructed to inquire as to the expediency of forming a Publication Society, or of assuming the functions of that which was called into existence by the late Board of Delegates of American Israelites, and report on the same.

GEORGE JACOBS,
DR. G. GOTTHEIL,
HENRY S. JACOBS,
SIMON WOLF,
MYER S. ISAACS.

On motion, the Council adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

WEDNESDAY, July 9, 1879.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, President Hacken-burg in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Adolph Moses, of Mobile, Ala.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Max Lilienthal, Chairman of the Commission appointed by the Fifth Council to prepare a course of study for the Hebrew Union College, presented the following report, which was, on motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

Report of Commission on Course of Study, etc., for the Hebrew Union College.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

We, the undersigned, a Commission appointed at the last Council to "devise the necessary plans of instruction for all the institutions under the control of the Union, fix the standards of admission, promotion and conferring of degrees" (see report p. 543), crave leave to present our report.

We have limited the course of Hebrew and theological studies to the needful and practicable, but have, at the same time, striven to make it thorough enough, so as to train the taste and shape the mind of the student, and to give him not only an impulse to further studies, but also the means of pursuing them profitably. We do not attempt the hopeless task of teaching everything that might be desirable; but our intention is to furnish the student with the tools whereby he may, with proper zeal and industry, overcome all difficulties. We also provide the means of introducing the future rabbis and teachers to the practical duties of their calling.

The success of a scholastic institution depends, above all, upon the proper qualification of the teachers for their various duties,

and we have not failed to give this part of our subject the fullest and most dispassionate consideration. The conclusion we have reached is this: that those who occupy the position of professors at a college should be debarred from holding any other office or position, and should be required to devote all their time and energy to the interests of the school and the students. Whatever leisure their work may leave them should be utilized for the advancement of literature and Hebrew scholarship in this country. While we fully recognize the value of the services that have been and are still being rendered by some of our rabbis to the Union, we can not escape the conclusion that the two offices, the rabbinical and the professorial, will, in the future, prove incompatible with each other. So long, however, as the means of the Union do not warrant the appointment of professors at a salary sufficiently large to justify this demand, we concede the necessity of leaving this recommendation in abeyance for the present.

The Secretary, at the desire of some of the members of the Commission, begs leave to state that a report submitted by the New York rabbis to a convention held, three years ago, in that city with a view of establishing a college, contained a recommendation identical with ours.

Of course, the length of time during which, for want of means, temporary arrangements, inferior to those we deem necessary, must be made, is not for us to determine, but must be left to the wisdom of future councils.

As to the Preparatory Schools, we thought it advisable to refrain from laying down a uniform course of studies that should be rigidly adhered to, for we had to recognize the fact that the varying circumstances of particular localities require different arrangements and necessitate the adoption of different plans. The utmost we can suggest is, that one standard for admission into the College be established. Each Preparatory School will naturally look to this standard as a general guide for its studies, and as much uniformity as is useful will thus be obtained. It is proper also in this connection to warn against confounding the present Preparatory School in Cincinnati with the College we hope to establish. These schools must, of course, be separate,

with different sets of teachers, as they will, probably, both hold their sessions during the same hours of the day.

As regards commencements and other public exhibitions, we have said nothing, partly because we do not consider the subject as strictly within our province, and partly because we believe that all mere show should be discountenanced. Learning must be pursued for its own sake, and not for vain applause. Suitable prizes for great proficiency will, however, be extremely useful. No greater service can be rendered to the cause of learning than by enabling meritorious students to pursue special studies, at such universities as afford the greatest facilities; such endowments and foundations are earnestly urged as rewards of merit.

It is needless to add that our plan is intended for students who, while pursuing their studies with us, attend the courses at the university. No one ignorant of the tendencies of modern thought is fit to be a rabbi. Judaism must be presented by the best and most enlightened of its adherents; only thus can it fulfill its share of the work for universal humanity.

The following is the *Plan of Studies* adopted:

I.—Object of the Scholastic Institutions.

The scholastic institutions now under the control of, and hereafter to be established by, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations are organized for the purpose of fostering and disseminating the knowledge of Judaism and of the course of its development; of promoting the study of literature, both ancient and modern, as well as the historical career of its adherents. It shall be their object generally to impart to the rising generation religious instruction, which will give the congregation intelligent members, and especially to educate rabbis, preachers and teachers of religion fully competent to fill their respective offices worthily and in keeping with the requirements of our times.

II.—Branches of Instruction.

The branches of instruction comprise:

1. *The Bible* in the original; the Targumim and the most important commentaries.

2. *Tradition*—(a) The Talmud, (b) Midrash, (c) Casuistic Literature.

3. *History* of Israel, its doctrines and customs.

4. *Jewish Religious Philosophy*.

5. Homiletics—Instruction in the conduct of public divine services.

6. Hebrew and Aramaic grammar.

7. German language and literature, in case the students have not the requisite facilities to pursue this part of their studies elsewhere.

8. Art of teaching (pedagogics), with especial reference to the congregational schools for religious instruction.

NOTE.—The study of the secular branches shall be regulated by the Faculty in accordance with the local school systems and opportunities.

III.—*Character of Institutions.*

The scholastic institutions shall be (a) Preparatory Schools and (b) Colleges.

IV.—*Preparatory Schools.*

1. In order to be admitted into the Preparatory School the candidate shall, by examination, prove his ability (a) to read Hebrew fluently; (b) to translate the less difficult passages of the Pentateuch or the prayer-book; (c) knowledge of the elements of the Hebrew grammar. He shall also pass a satisfactory examination in those (secular) branches usually taught in an ordinary grammar school.

2. In order to be entitled to a certificate of proficiency in the studies of the preparatory schools, the student shall pass a satisfactory examination in the following subjects:

(a) *The Bible*, Pentateuch, with selections from Rashi, the historical books, Jeremiah, forty Psalms and Proverbs.

(b) A thorough knowledge of Hebrew grammar (to the extent of S. Deutsch's Grammar or the like book); Aramaic grammar to the extent of Luzatto's Grammar, Part 1.

(c) Talmud (a), Pirke Aboth and another tract of the Mishnah Seder Moëd.

Gemara : B'rakhoth, Sanhedrin with Rashi's Commentary.

(d) Easy selected passages from the Midrash Rabba, etc.

(e) Biblical and post-biblical history (to the extent of Dr. Cassel's Lehrbuch).

(f) Ability to read and understand *Hester's Lesebuch* (German), or a similar manual.

3. Every preparatory school which is organized under the auspices of the Union shall, through the Board of Governors, submit its plan of studies, as prepared by the local administration, to the Standing Committee on Studies for approval.

V.—*Admission to the College.*

In order to be admitted into the College the student shall prove, by a regularly-attested certificate, that he has satisfactorily passed the final examination at one of the preparatory schools under the control of the Union, or shall pass such an examination, in the branches pursued in the preparatory schools, before the professors of the College. Such students as intend taking the rabbinical course shall, at the same time, give good evidence of their ability to pass, in the secular studies, the examination for admission into such institutions as Columbia College, New York; the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia), or the McMicken University, Cincinnati. In cases where the student is not a candidate for the rabbinical course, the President of the College shall have the right to decide as to the proper qualifications of the student in the branches of general education.

VI.—*Division of the Classes and Hours of Instruction in the Colleges.*

The whole course shall comprise five classes, in each of which the student shall remain one year. The yearly session shall begin on the first Monday in September; the first term to end on the twenty-first day of December; the second term to begin on the second day in January, to end on the first day of July. The last week of each session shall be devoted to the examination of the students by the Faculty, under the supervision of a commissioner, to be appointed by the Board of Governors, whose

duty it shall be to report thereon to the Board. The hours of instruction shall be three and one-half on Sunday, and two on each of the other of the week days. Each recitation shall, however, only last forty minutes, in order to gain time for twenty recitations weekly. In the fifth year the hours of instruction shall be thirty a week.

VII.—*The Studies.*

1. The course for the first year shall comprise:

(a) *Bible*—Selected portions from the *Pentateuch* with *Targum Onkelos*; *Psalms*; some of the *Minor Prophets*.

(b) *Talmud*—Civil law, elucidated by selected passages from the *Baba's*, with *Rashi*; *M'gillah*, cursorily.

(c) *History*—The history of the Second (Jewish) Commonwealth, with reference to the corresponding books of the *Apocrypha* and of *Josephus*.

(d) *Hebrew*—Exercises in Hebrew composition; grammar: the grammar of the verb, with comparison of the Aramaic and Talmudical dialects.

(e) *German*—German grammar and reading of selected authors.

2. The course of the second year shall comprise:

(a) *Bible*—*Isaiah*, chaps. xl.-xli., with grammatical analysis and historical explanation; *Lamentations*; selected portions from *Ibn Ezra's* Commentary on the *Pentateuch*.

(b) *Talmud*—*Hullin*, with the corresponding chapters in *Yad Ha'hazakah* and *Yore Deah*; *Abodah Zarah*, cursorily.

(c) *History*—History continued to the conclusion of the Babylonian Talmud, with reference to original sources.

(d) *Hebrew*—Exercises in Hebrew compositions; the grammar of the noun, with comparison of the Aramaic and Talmudical dialects.

(e) *German*—German language and literature, continued. (See note.)

3. The course for the third year shall comprise:

(a) *Bible*—*Ezekiel*, with grammatical analysis and historical explanations; *Daniel* with *Sa'adyah* and the *Book of Proverbs*, with *Kim'hi's* Commentary.

(b) *Talmud*—*Mosaic and Talmudical (criminal) law*, elucidated by selected portions from *Sanhedrin* and *Makkoth*, with the corresponding chapters of *Yad Ha'hazakah*.

(c) *History*—Continued to the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, with reference to the sources.

(d) *Historical and critical introduction* to the biblical books, after *De Wette's*, or a similar manual.

(e) (*Religious*) *Philosophy*—Reading and explanation of selected chapters of *Albo's Ikkarim* and *Rambam's Y'sode Hattorah*.

(f) *Selected portions* from the *Midrashim* and post-biblical poetry, in alternate terms.

(g) *Hebrew compositions* (writing of essays), once a month.

(h) *German*—German language and literature continued.

4. The course for the fourth year shall comprise:

(a) *Bible*—Historical introduction to the Book of Isaiah; reading and explanation of chaps. i.-xxxv.

(b) Critical introduction to the Mishnah, with reference to the ancient and modern standard works.

(c) *Talmud*—*Mosaic and Talmudical (marital) law*, elucidated by selected portions from *Gittin* and *Kiddushin*, etc., with the corresponding chapters in *Yad Ha'hazakah* and *Eben Haezer*.

(d) *Philosophy*—Reading and explanation of the *Kuzari* and *Rambam's Sh'monah Perakim*.

(e) Reading of selected portions from the *Midrashim* and post-biblical poetry, in alternate terms.

(f) Critical introduction to the history of the text and the old versions of the Bible, with reference to the modern works on textual criticism.

(g) *History*—Continued to the close of the Moses Mendelssohn era, with reference to cotemporaneous literature.

(h) *Homiletics*, with practical exercises.

(i) *Hebrew*—The accents syntax; Hebrew compositions.

(k) *German*—Reading of Moses Mendelssohn's *Jerusalem* in the original. The German language shall be the language of instruction in at least one of the above-named branches.

NOTE.—Students who wish, after the completion of the second year's course, to enter the profession of teacher shall take a

course in Liturgics and Pedagogics, but shall be excused from the Talmudical studies. (See course for fifth year.)

VIII.—*The Faculty.*

The Faculty of the College, when completely organized, shall consist of

- a) A Professor for the Talmudical Studies,
- b) A Professor for Jewish History and Philosophy,
- c) A Professor for the Biblical studies; and of
- d) Two Tutors for the Two Lower Classes; and
- e) Four Tutors for the Three Higher Classes.

The Commission would respectfully recommend that, for the present, the professor for the Talmudical studies, and one tutor be appointed, be temporarily charged with the instruction in the other branches.

IX.

The number of hours and the days to be devoted to each branch of study shall be assigned by the President of the College; the greater number shall, however, be assigned to the studies in Talmud and Bible.

X.—*The Fifth Year.*

The fifth year is intended for such students as shall have previously completed their course of studies at one of the Colleges or Universities of the country, and thus shall be able to devote their whole time to the studies in the Rabbinical College. The hours of instruction in the fifth year shall be thirty a week, and the following branches shall be taught:

(a) Bible: exegetical exercises in *Job*, *Kohелеth*, and the *Books of Chronicles*; lectures on the different methods of interpretation of the Bible with reference to the ancient versions, to the Midrashim, Talmud, and the writings of the Church Fathers.

(b) History of the Talmuds, their most important commentaries and compendia.

(c) Exercises in the explanation of the Talmud, after given subjects.

(d) A general survey of the history of the world during the biblical period.

(e) History of Jewish Culture and its relation to other forms of intellectual development. (History of Civilization.)

(f) Philosophy: *More N'bukim*.

(g) Homiletics: Practical exercises; history of the prayers. (the Liturgy.)

(h) Lectures on the position and relation of the Apocrypha and the writings of the New Testament in and to Jewish literature.

(i) Pedagogics.

NOTE.—Students who do not desire to take the rabbinical course may be excused from attending the courses in Homiletics, Liturgics and Pedagogics, and may elect, instead, a course of Arabic, provided the Faculty count among its members a teacher competent to instruct in this latter branch.

XI.—Certificates and Degrees.

A student who shall have passed a successful examination in the full course of studies shall receive the title of *Rabbi*. If, at least two years after graduation, he present to the Faculty a thesis, showing successful and continued study, he shall, by vote of the Faculty, be entitled to an Academical degree, the style and character of which shall be determined hereafter.

Students who shall have completed the courses of the first two years, and the course in Pedagogics or Liturgics, shall receive a certificate attesting their qualification to act as *Teacher* in congregational religious schools, and as *Reader* in the conduct of divine service.

Respectfully submitted,

DR. M. LILIENTHAL, *Chairman*.

DR. DAVID EINHORN,

DR. GUSTAV GOTTHEIL,

DR. M. JASTROW,

MAYER SULSBERGER,

DR. E. G. HIRSCH,

DR. ISAAC M. WISE,

DR. ADOLPH MOSES.

Attest: DR. E. G. HIRSCH, *Secretary*.

A motion, offered by Mr. Myer S. Isaacs, to appoint a Committee of five to nominate candidates for the Executive Board, was adopted. The President appointed the following as the Committee: Messrs. Myer S. Isaacs, William Goodheart, Josiah Cohen, Adolph Harris and S. M. Hyneman.

Mr. Alfred T. Jones presented for the use of the President at this Council a gavel which had been used on several national occasions.

Mr. B. Bettmann offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Governors be instructed to adopt such regulations as may be required to carry out all the recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Course of Study until such time as the Constitution can be amended in accordance with the provisions thereof.

The Committee on Hebrew Union College presented the following report, which, on motion of Mr. A. L. Sanger, was received and adopted:

NEW YORK, July 9, 1879.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

We, the undersigned Committee on Hebrew Union College appointed by you, met in session immediately on the adjournment of the Convention yesterday.

The various reports of the President and the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College first engaged our attention, and we beg leave to congratulate these gentlemen in particular, and the Union in general, on the triumphant success of their charge as therein proclaimed.

The conscientious assiduity and devotion, which are so manifest throughout the proceedings of the year's work, call for the warmest recognition on your part.

The thanks of the Union seem especially due, on the recommendation of the President of the College, to the various public scholastic authorities of the city of Cincinnati. We would respectfully recommend, that toward the support of the Library, in addition to a balance of \$75,00 now on hand, the further sum of \$250,00 be granted annually to the College until the next Council. We would also recommend that appropriate means be taken to

urge our brethren at large to contribute to the library such volumes in their possession as may be useful to our students.

With regard to the recommendation in the Report of the President of the Executive Board relative to a college building, your Committee are of opinion that means should be at once adopted looking toward the ultimate erection of such an edifice as soon as possible under the provision of the Constitution, Art. VIII., Section 2, and would recommend to this end that the "Memorial Book," already so largely patronized by Western members, be handed to a Committee to be appointed by the Chair, to solicit subscriptions in the Eastern States, in order to expedite the acquisition of the sum of money required by the Article alluded to.

The reports of the Examiners of the Hebrew Union College, and of the Temple Emanuel Preparatory School, have given your Committee genuine satisfaction, as indicating that these schools, which embody the present practical rules of the Union, are on a sound footing, and on the way to the achievement of the great ends we propose—the spread of the knowledge of our revered religion and the agency of its ancient banner-bearers. While we are of the conviction that much has been done toward bringing these institutions up to the level of kindred establishments in Europe, we are of opinion that this will only be attained by the reception into the Curriculum of branches of instruction looking to the practical work of the future rabbi, such as exercises in homiletics and questions of Jewish jurisprudence.

We recommend that the sum of \$1500,00 required for the support of the Preparatory Department of Temple Emanuel in New York be appropriated.

With all the satisfaction derived from reading the Report of the Examiners of this Preparatory School, your Committee regret that, on account of the organic law of this Union, they are unable to adopt the recommendation of these gentlemen, to open a branch of the Hebrew Union College in New York, to stand under the control of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, because of Art. VI., Sec. 1, and Art. VIII., Sec. 3, of the Constitution, and there having been no proposition submitted to the Executive Board in pursuance of the latter section.

Dr. Samuel Hirsch, a member of the Committee, and at the same time one of the Examiners, abstained from voting on this subject.

Your Committee congratulate the College on the acquisition of so valuable an adjunct to its teaching power by the election of the Rev. Dr. Milziener, of New York, as Professor of Talmud in the College, and recommend the approval of this measure by the Council, and also that \$300 be appropriated from the funds of the Union to defray the expenses of Dr. Milziener arising from his removal from New York to the seat of the College.

Your Committee feel constrained to report adversely on the proposition recommended by the Board of Governors, providing for an amendment to the Constitution requiring all applications for the establishment of Preparatory Schools to be first recommended by the Board of Governors, your Committee deeming it inexpedient at this time to make any innovations upon the present Constitution.

ADAM A. KRAMER,
DR. SAMUEL HIRSCH,
DR. F. DE SOLA MENDES,
LEOPOLD OPPENHEIMER,
JOSIAH COHEN,

Committee.

Mr. G. N. Herrman, of New York City, presented a letter from Ex-Governor Seymour, of New York, on Agricultural Pursuits, which was referred to Special Committee D.

Invitations were received and accepted to visit Temple Emanuel on Friday evening next, and to a steamboat excursion by the Board of Charities of this City.

Special Committee A presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the President of the Executive Board as relates to the better observance of the Sabbath, respectfully report:

That the Committee are of opinion that the religious welfare of the Jewish community depends greatly on the preservation of the Sabbath. It is necessary for us, as well as for all religious bodies, to have certain ideas in common, and to have certain outward symbols to express them. The means for obtaining a stricter observance of the Sabbath are, however, not within the reach of the Council. Persuasion, example and instruction

alone can produce proper sentiments on the subject; no legislation by us can influence the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS MAY,
HENRY J. MESSING,
I. L. LEUCHT,
DR. A. WISE,
MAYER SULZBERGER,
SIMON WOLF,

JULY 9, 1879.

Committee.

Mr. A. Harris moved to amend the report by inserting the word "Jewish" before the word Sabbath, which amendment was lost. The previous question was called and ordered, and a vote being taken on the adoption of the report, it was carried.

The Committee on Publications presented the following report, which was adopted:

NEW YORK, July 8, 1879.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows:

1. That, after due consideration of the expediency of forming a Publication Society, they do not deem it advisable to organize such an association at present, but indulge in the hope that the Union will be able to foster literary productions of a character that will prove beneficial to our brethren in the United States.

2. That, in order to encourage the publication of books likely to be of value to religious schools or Hebrew colleges, it is recommended that the Executive Board be authorized to grant a subvention to the publisher of any such books after due examination of their literary worth by a competent committee.

3. That a Standing Committee of five be appointed to act as judges of the value of such works as may be submitted to the Executive Board, a majority of whom shall be empowered to make a final decision in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JACOBS, *Chairman.*
SOLOMON LEVI,
DR. A. HUEBSCH,
ABRAHAM FALK,
ISAAC CANTROVITZ,

Committee.

The Committee on Correspondence presented the following reports, which were adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom were referred the resolutions offered by Rev. Hy. S. Jacobs, respectfully beg leave to report:

That we heartily recommend the adoption of the first resolution, which reads as follows:

“Recognizing the mutual work in the cause of Judaism, in which kindred organizations are engaged in other countries, we hereby offer the hand of fraternity and fellowship to the Alliance Israelite Universelle of Paris, Anglo-Jewish Alliance of London, Alliance of Vienna, and the Gemeindebund at Leipzig.”

We report, furthermore, that in the absence of any law, permitting the election of Honorary Members, otherwise than provided for by our Constitution, in our opinion the second resolution, conferring Honorary Membership upon the highly-distinguished gentlemen therein named, should *not* be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

B. BETTMANN,
ABR. STEIN,
B. HYSINGER,
MENKO STERN,
JOS. SIMON,

Committee.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the correspondence of the Executive Board, respectfully beg leave to report:

That we have examined the letter file and copy book of the efficient Secretary of the Board, and take great pleasure in stating that we have found them in the most satisfactory condi-

tion, every letter, whether received or mailed, being indexed and provided with corresponding numbers, so that a long search for any one of them is obviated.

We find that no further action on this subject is necessary.

B. BETTMANN,
ABR. STEIN,
JOS. SIMON,
B. HYSINGER,
MENKO STERN,

Committee.

The Committee on Reports of Congregations presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Your Committee on Reports of Congregations beg leave to report that the following congregations are in arrears for two years' dues, and are liable to suspension under our laws:

Beth Israel, Louisville, Ky.
Gemilas Chasodim, Alexandria, La.
Keneseth Israel, Zanesville, O.
Anshe Mayriv, Chicago, Ill.
Anshe Chesed, Vicksburg, Miss.
Ahavas Achim, Lafayette, Ind.
Achdus Vesholom, Fort Wayne, Ind.
Anshe Chesed, Bay City, Mich.
Oheb Zedek, Pottsville, Pa.
Ohaveh Sholom, Summit, Miss.
Beth Israel, Peoria, Ill.

We recommend that the President of the Executive Board be directed to suspend any or all of these congregations within ninety days from the adjournment of this Council, unless a sufficient amount is paid of their respective dues so as not to leave them liable to suspension under the existing laws.

We further recommend that each congregation be urged to forward its annual reports promptly, so as to avoid hereafter the

necessity of having any congregation published as not having furnished its report as required. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MYER HELLMAN, *Chairman.*

JULIUS FREIBERG,

HEZEKIAH KOHN,

DR. L. WINTNER,

Committee.

Special Committee B presented a report, which, on motion of Mr. Joseph Abraham, was recommitted.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned Committee on Finance, appointed to investigate the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Secretary of the Board of Governors of the Hebrew Union College, beg leave to report that on examination of the printed Report of the Secretary of the Board of Governors, we find that several typographical errors have occurred; however, upon a thorough comparison of the books and vouchers of the various officers we find them all correct, as also the balances, as shown by the report of the Treasurer, viz.:

General Fund	\$3,055 77
Sinking Fund.....	2,453 97

We profit by this occasion to congratulate the Council upon the orderly and systematic manner in which the books of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Union are kept.

Respectfully submitted,

L. HAAS, *Chairman.*

B. H. FEUSTMAN,

G. H. JUDAH,

L. BAMBERGER,

M. LEON,

Committee.

Special Committee C presented the following report:

NEW YORK, July 9, 1879.

To the President and Members of the Sixth Annual Council:

Your Committee to whom was referred so much of the President of the Executive Board's Report, as refers to the subject of a Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary, beg leave to report:

That the Fifth Annual Council, which assembled at Milwaukee, decided on recommending the formation of a "Hebrew Young Ladies' Seminary," but deemed it then temporarily inexpedient to call it into existence.

We, therefore, report, that although we consider that the establishment of such an institution would result in much good to our community, we regret that the same impediment now exists, as did last year, viz.: the want of adequate funds.

Your Committee are of the opinion that the formation of a cumulative separate fund would considerably promote the object in question, and that through the publicity given to these views, noble-minded men and women in Israel might be generously prompted to render pecuniary aid to the establishment proposed.

M. A. ROSENBLATT, *Chairman.*
DR. H. ZIRNDORF,
SIEGMUND LEVYN,
ADOLPH L. SANGER,

Committee.

Dr. M. Lilienthal offered the following as an amendment to the report:

Resolved, That a Committee of nine be appointed by the Chair to consider the advisability of opening two *self-sustaining* seminaries, one for boys and one for girls, in which the same, while visiting the unsectarian public schools and colleges, will be instructed in the sacred tenets of our religion; the Committee to report at the next Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The previous question was called and ordered. The amendment was adopted. The report, as amended, was then adopted.

Special Committee B presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Circuit Preaching, respectfully report.

Appreciating the advantages that will accrue to American Judaism from the adoption of a system of Circuit Preaching, and the foundation and encouragement of religious schools in communities not strong enough to organize and maintain them without assistance, and believing that the following plan will, for the present, answer the expectations of those who are anxious for at least a fair trial of the measure, the Committee can not forbear alluding to the good already accomplished in this direction by our ministers, and especially in addition to a number present at this Council, Dr. Messing, of San Francisco, and Dr. Blum, of Galveston, who have succeeded by their eloquence and zeal in arousing the dormant religious sentiment of contiguous communities.

The Union may rely upon our earnest and indefatigable ministers to warmly second the wishes of the Council in this regard. The Committee have not had an opportunity of consulting with all the gentlemen of the clerical profession present at this Council, but are firmly of opinion that there will be a general desire to join the volunteer force resolved to uphold the standard of Judaism even at great personal sacrifice.

The following ministers have cordially acquiesced in the suggestion of the Committee:

Rev. George Jacobs,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Dr. Landsberg,	Rochester, N. Y.
Rev. H. J. Messing,	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. M. Messing,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Rev. Dr. Zirndorf,	Detroit, Mich.
Rev. Dr. Machol,	Cleveland, Ohio.
Rev. M. Samfield,	Memphis, Tenn.
Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil,	New York City.
Rev. H. S. Jacobs,	New York City.
Rev. Dr. F. De Sola Mendes,	New York City.
Rev. Dr. A. Wise,	New York City.
Rev. Dr. Schlesinger,	Albany, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. Birkenthal,	Syracuse, N. Y.

Rev. A. Moses,	Mobile, Ala.
Rev. I. S. Moses,	Milwaukee, Wis.
Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Rev. Dr. Samuel Hirsch,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein,	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. J. Vorsanger,	Houston, Texas.
Rev. Dr. L. Wintner,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. M. Tintner,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. David Levy,	Charleston, S. C.
Rev. Dr. I. L. Leucht,	New Orleans.

The Committee recommend :

1. That the Executive Board forthwith designate a special Committee to frame regulations and otherwise carry out the provisions of Article IV., of By-Laws. That this Committee receive the names of ministers who are willing, with the consent of their Congregations, to visit, at stated times, cities and towns where the Jewish community has no minister or teacher. That such ministers be requested to designate the States or parts of States wherein they will undertake this service, at the request of congregations or of the Executive Board. That this list of ministers and districts be published in the Jewish papers for general information.

2. That the duties of such ministers will be to address the congregation or society of such city or town, to advise in organizing congregations and schools and to awaken the religious spirit.

3. That the Executive Board be directed to designate, at their second meeting, a properly-qualified person for the purpose of visiting Jewish communities in States or parts of States to which volunteer ministers have not been assigned. That the special duty of such minister shall be to organize religious schools, to stimulate the formation of congregations, and to secure their co-operation with the Union. That he shall also be authorized to receive subscriptions for the funds of the Union, and shall be paid his traveling expenses, and a salary to be fixed by the Executive Board.

4. The Executive Board are authorized to appropriate not exceeding one thousand dollars any one year toward the traveling expenses of ministers visiting cities and towns in their circuit, as

provided by the first and second articles of this report, to be expended in cases where the Jewish community visited shall be unable or shall fail to provide for the same.

The Committee recognize the necessity of appealing to the thoughtful consideration of the congregations whose ministers, or otherwise, will thus be called upon, without, however, interfering with their pastoral duties on Sabbath, to exercise their important functions in the interest of strange communities. It is evident that Judaism is materially strengthened by the conversion of weak and uninformed bodies of Hebrews into congregations affiliating with the Union and possessing schools for the instruction of Jewish youth. In this work, all Israelites are interested, and it is a sacrifice which a congregation should cheerfully make for the common benefit, to sustain their minister in this mission of love and duty. It is not improbable that many a new community thus added to the number of active living congregations will prove a grateful child to the foster parent that stimulated and nourished its spiritual life.

The Committee do not doubt that the happy co-operation of the several departments of the Union will be conducive to the advancement of Judaism as one of the most active and vigorous denominations in this country.

The Committee recommend, in conclusion, the following amendment to the By-Laws:

To Article IV., Section 5, add the words:

And shall have power to expend not exceeding one thousand dollars in any one year to meet deficiencies, if any, in the payment of such expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

MYER S. ISAACS,
ALFRED T. JONES,
M. SAMFIELD,
MAX L. GUTMANN,
J. ROSENFELD,

Committee.

NEW YORK, July 9, 1879.

Dr. A. Huebsch offered the following as an amendment to the report:

Resolved, That the various parts of this country shall be divided into territorial districts, and if the Jewish residents in any of such districts shall, pursuant to law, declare themselves as members of this Union, and if accepted as such members, they shall have the right to apply for teachers, who shall visit such territorial districts as they may be assigned for the purposes of giving tuition to the children of such members who may be entitled thereto.

The previous question was called for and ordered. The amendment was lost. The report was adopted.

Special Committee D presented the following report:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregation :

Your Committee appointed to take under consideration the Report of the Special Committee on Agriculture as set forth in the Report of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights, Mr. Morris Ellinger, Chairman, take pleasure to report to your honorable body the following:

1. The reasons and arguments set forth in said able report are so practicable and to the point, that we cheerfully adopt them as our views. (refer to page 721 of this report.)

2. In addition, we respectfully recommend to your consideration and adoption the following:

1. *Resolved*, That a tract of land shall be purchased as soon as practicable for the accommodation of at least fifty families, and for the establishment of a model farm school.

2. That, in order to give the benefit of this, our enterprise, to the children at our Orphan Asylums, the managers of our charitable institution be requested to use their influence for the introduction of elementary agricultural training at their respective institutions.

3. That the funds necessary for this enterprise be raised by private donations and subscriptions.

4. That, in order to carry out these plans successfully, a Special Committee be elected by your honorable body, who shall have full control and management of all matters appertaining to this enterprise, subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

Your Committee, after due consideration, are fully convinced that, by the proper management of this enterprise, not only the object and aim of the parties so assisted will be realized, but that we will be enabled to return a good interest in due time to those parties who will make these investments.

We also respectfully call your attention to the fact that this matter is one of the most vital importance, and will lead to the most gratifying results in the carrying out of the fundamental principles this organization is aiming at, and therefore desire your immediate action.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. LEVY,
S. MOSSLER,
JULIUS BARKHOUSE,
A. HOFFHEIMER,
DR. MAX LANDSBERG,
ISAAC WALDMAN,

Committee.

Mr. A. A. Kramer moved to refer the report to the incoming Executive Board.

Mr. M. Ellinger moved to postpone the further consideration of the report until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

The previous question was called and ordered. Mr. M. Ellinger's motion was then voted on and carried.

A number of resolutions were read by their titles and referred to various Committees.

Special Committee E presented the following report, which was adopted :

NEW YORK, July 8, 1879.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations :

GENTLEMEN :—Your Special Committee E, to whom Sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the Report of the Board of Delegates on Civil and Religious Rights were referred for consideration, respectfully represent :

That the subject of the emancipation of the Hebrews of Roumania, which has properly engaged the attention of the Board, recommends itself to the earnest sympathy of the Union ; but, as

practical measures can not be adopted at present in furtherance of this object, your Committee can only entertain the hope that the progress of civilization, the dawn of a better recognition of human rights, and the persistent efforts of our people themselves in that country in an educational direction, will, in the near future, tend to the attainment of those just political prerogatives which should be theirs as men and as citizens.

II.

Your Committee are fully impressed with the value of the services rendered our co-religionists in the hour of need by the Hon. Felix A. Mathews, the United States Consul at Tangiers. These are deserving of high appreciation and thanks. The Report of the Board of Delegates affords another proof that the name of the American Government is an ægis of protection in those semi-enlightened countries wherein the spirit of persecution still prevails, and in no case has this been more successfully demonstrated than in the instance it records, when our Consul's influence at Morocco contributed to the rescue of several Israelites from persecution and death. Your Committee are satisfied that the Board of Delegates will continue to exercise their wonted watchfulness over the interests of our brethren whenever they are threatened by injustice and oppression.

III.

That, while recognizing the claims of our brethren in Palestine for help and assistance, your Committee believe they represent the general and wide-spread sense of Jewish communities in America, as unalterably opposed to the old system of indiscriminate monetary benefactions. The Alliance Israelite Universelle is fully in accord with this sentiment, which was advanced and advocated by one of your Committee, Rev. Henry S. Jacobs, who last year had the honor of representing the Board of Delegates at the Paris Convention, and by that distinguished body was requested to bring the subject of the condition of the Jews in the Orient before this organization. Your Committee think that they may safely pledge the aid of Israelites in this country to a cordial co-operation in all such well-digested and practical measures for the moral and material advancement of the Jews of Palestine, which will, by means of secular education, manual

labor and agricultural pursuits, seek to elevate those who are plunged in misery and want, and lift them up from the slough of despond to a proper understanding of their manhood, dignity and self-respect.

IV.

Your Committee are sensible of the good work accomplished by the Anglo-Jewish Association of London, and the Alliance Israelite of Paris, which organizations have maintained a friendly correspondence with our Board of Delegates. It behooves the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to tender them their best wishes and a God-speed in the noble labors in which they are engaged in the benefit of Israel and humanity.

Your Committee would recommend some method of giving expression to these sentiments, to be officially forwarded to these bodies at the earliest possible opportunity.

Your Committee deem it not out of place to add their conviction of the valuable services rendered in the cause of Jewish civil and religious liberty by the Board of Delegates; and that to their capable hands may safely be committed the interests therein involved, impressed with the belief that they will continue watchful over the important trusts which, in the past, they have so faithfully guarded.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY S. JACOBS, *Chairman.*

JOSEPH LOTH,

DAVID KLEIN,

SIGMUND MANN,

CHAS. BAUM,

Committee.

Rev. Henry S. Jacobs offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Council declares itself in hearty accord with the educational projects supported by the Alliance Israelite Universelle, and recommends these objects to the co-operation and aid of the Congregations and brethren of our Union for annual voluntary contributions, to be raised on or about Purim, or on such other occasions, or by such other means as may be by them deemed expedient and practicable.

Mr. M. Loth presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to solicit donations to the Hebrew Union College and the proposed Hebrew Farming Colonization.

The President appointed as the Committee, Messrs. M. Loth and William Goodheart, of Cincinnati; Win. Sulzbacher, of New York City; Mayer Frank, of Philadelphia, Pa.; and Levi Bamberger, of Louisville, Ky.

The President appointed the following gentlemen as the Committee, provided for in the amendment, to Report of Special Committee C.

Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal,	Cincinnati, O.
Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein,	St. Louis, Mo.
Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch.	New York City.
A. L. Sanger,	New York City.
Thos. Kessing,	New York City.
Louis Lewengood,	New York City.
Jacob Klee,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch,	Louisville, Ky.
M. M. Bayersdorfer,	Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Committee F presented the following report, which was adopted:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

Special Committee F respectfully beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the several papers submitted to the Sixth Council on the subject of Statistics.

They find that very little has been added to the tabular statements, which will be found in a condensed form in the Reports made to the Fifth Council.

Although the study and the collation of Statistics is naturally dry and uninteresting to a large number of persons, yet they are as necessary to all well-organized institutions as a diagnosis is to the physician.

In order to cement together in one bond of Union the whole body of Israelites in the United States, a census of their number and a complete list of all their institutions, Religious, Congregational, Educational and Eleemosynary, should be gathered and published so as to be at all times readily accessible.

It may also be advantageous to extend the compiling and publication of other statistical subjects touching the social and political standing of the Hebrew people, both in America and foreign countries. How far this inquiry should extend only time and experience can determine.

For the present we have to recommend—

1. That the Statistics as collected and reported to the Fifth Council be published in detail, in pamphlet form, separate and apart from the General Report of the Proceedings of the Council.

2. That a Standing Committee on Statistics be appointed before this Council adjourns, who shall have charge of all subjects embraced in this report, and that the President of this Council be Chairman of said Committee.

3. That said Committee be authorized to collect, as far as possible, a full record of the names of Israelites who served in the army or navy on either side during the late civil war.

4. That, since the compilation of the statistics already filed, a large number of free schools have been established, a list thereof be added to the report authorized to be published.

5. That the Board of Officers be authorized to expend whatever money is necessary to carry the recommendations of this report into effect.

Your Committee in examining the books, tables and reports committed to them, can not refrain from expressing their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Wm. B. Hackenburgh, Esq., the present President of this Council.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS ABRAHAM, *Chairman.*

ISAAC S. MOSES,

EDGAR M. JOHNSON,

PHILLIP LEWIN,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. A. L. Sanger, the sum of \$250.00 was appropriated to the use of the Committee provided for in the report.

The President appointed the following as the Committee: Messrs. William B. Hackenburgh, Lewis Abraham, Simon Wolf, Jacob Ezekiel and Julius Bien.

The following amendments to the Constitution, having been proposed in due form, were then taken up for action, and a motion by Mr. Lipman Levy to adopt the same was carried by an unanimous vote :

Article V., Section 2, shall read as follows :

The Executive Board shall meet immediately after its election by the Council, at the place where the latter held its session, and semi annually thereafter, in the months of January and July, when no regular meeting of the Council shall take place, at such place as shall have been designated by them at the previous meeting, and eleven of their number shall form a quorum.

Article V., Section 4, shall read as follows :

The Executive Board shall, at its semi annual meeting, or at such other meetings as shall be called by the President on the written request of ten members, and of which sufficient notice shall be given to all members, make all appropriations by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; they shall devise means by which all laws of the Council shall be executed; they shall appoint such necessary Standing Committees, who shall during the year attend to all the business that may be assigned to them, and shall report their doings in full at the sessions of the Board.

Mr. Max L. Gutmann, of Rochester, New York, offered a resolution recommending the publication by the Union of school textbooks and prayer-books for such congregations as may desire to adopt the same, which was referred to the Committee on Publication.

Invitations were received and accepted from the Board of Directors of the Sinai Hospital, and the Young Men's Hebrew Association to visit these institutions; and from the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge, District No. 1, Order Keshar Shel Barzel, to a summer night's festival on the 10th inst.

Letters and telegrams of congratulation were read from Dr. Aaron Hahn, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. Uriah Herrmann, of this city, now at Watkins Glen, New York; and Mr. David Adler, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Rev. M. Samfield offered the following, which was, on motion, laid on the table :

Resolved, That this Council recognizes with much gratification all efforts to repeal unjust and oppressive Sunday laws in behalf of those who observe the seventh day as a Sabbath.

Resolved, That the Committee on Civil and Religious Rights be instructed by this Council to aid and assist, as far as it is in their power, in any legitimate effort to remove such Sunday laws, as they exist in several States, as encroachments upon the civil and religious rights of American citizens, who, in accordance to the dictates of their conscience, observe the seventh day as a Sabbath.

Rev. Max Moll offered the following, which the President declared out of order:

WHEREAS, Section 1, of Article II., of the Constitution forbids to interfere with the worship, the schools, or any other institutions of the congregations; and,

WHEREAS, To strengthen the Union, which represents Judaism not only outward, but also inward, it is necessary to bring more unity into the worship of the American Congregations, and the preservation and observance of the Sabbath; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Congregations of the Union shall instruct their respective Rabbis to establish a Union of American Jewish Ministers.

On motion, the Council adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, July 10, 1879.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, President Hacken-burg in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Samuel Hirsch, of Philadelphia.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion of Mr. A. A. Kramer, the vote by which the previous question had been ordered on the Report of Special Committee D, was reconsidered.

A resolution to limit the debate on this question to one hour and to five-minute speeches was adopted.

The report was again read to the Council.

The Committee presented the following as a substitute to the fourth section of the report :

In order to carry out these plans successfully, the Executive Board are hereby instructed to appoint out of their midst a Committee of five on Agriculture; said committee shall solicit donations of land, farming implements and money, and as soon as they obtain a tract of land, they shall subdivide it into farms of fifty to eighty acres for one family; said family shall have that land free of any rental for a term of seven years; after seven years a price shall be fixed, on favorable terms, for which that family can buy the said land, and the money thus received by the Executive Board to be reinvested in fertile lands, and to be given to other settlers under the same conditions.

Rev. Dr. Aaron Wise offered the following as amendments to the report :

Resolved, To designate a Committee of three to inquire into the condition, strength and material of the American Hebrew Colonization Society, and to designate those who most deserve it as the Pioneers of the Colonization.

Resolved, That each Rabbi of the various Congregations of the Union be directed to discourse from his pulpit of the project of Colonization, and that each shall collect moneys in his congregation for this purpose, and the amounts, so collected, shall be sent to the Treasurer of the Union.

Mr. A. L. Sanger offered the following amendments to the report :

Resolved, That the first recommendation be amended by adding thereto : " And that the Executive Board be empowered to purchase such additional tracts of land as they may from time to time deem expedient, and as the funds on hand for that purpose shall allow."

Resolved, That the Executive Board be authorized to confer with such other organizations having kindred objects in view for the purpose of mutual co-operation in the successful accomplishment of a practical agricultural plan.

A vote being taken, the amendments offered by Mr. Sanger were adopted, the effect of which adoption was declared by the President to defeat the amendments offered by Dr. Aaron Wise.

The report of the Committee was then adopted as amended by themselves and Mr. Sanger's resolution.

A motion to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted was laid on the table.

The Committee on Publications presented the following report, which was adopted:

NEW YORK, July 10, 1879.

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on Publications, having had sundry resolutions laid before them, beg leave to present the following supplementary report:

1. That it is not in the province of this Committee to devise any plan of instruction for congregational schools.

2. That it would be an infringement on the Constitution of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations to legislate on the subject of a prayer-book. In all such matters, each congregation must act for itself and in pursuance of its own legitimate functions.

3. That it is not advisable to issue a monthly statement of congregational affairs, nor is it necessary to make any additional publication of the proceedings of the Council, the pamphlet of its annual sessions and the reports connected therewith being amply sufficient to meet all requirements.

4. That it is not practicable for the Council to undertake the establishment of "a central organ for the pupils and teachers of our religious schools," but that all such undertakings be left, for the present, to individual enterprise and the merit of the work itself.

5. That the subject of the publication of text-books for religious schools having been provided for in the previous Report of this Committee, it has not been deemed necessary to reiterate the provisions made for aiding authors in their publication.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JACOBS, *Chairman.*

SOLOMON LEVI,

DR. A. HUEBSCH,

ABRAHAM FALK,

Committee.

On motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, it was resolved that the meeting of the next Council be held in the year 1881, in the city of Chicago.

The President announced the following as the Committee provided for in the Report of the Committee on Publications: Rev. George Jacobs, Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal, Rev. Dr. G. Gottheil, Mr. M. Ellinger and Mr. Joseph Abraham.

The following examiners for the Hebrew Union College and the Preparatory Schools were appointed:

For the year 1880—

REV. DR. SAMUEL HIRSCH,
REV. DR. MAX LANDSBERG,
REV. DR. F. DE SOLA MENDES.

For the year 1881—

REV. HENRY S. JACOBS,
REV. ADOLPH MOSES,
REV. M. SAMFIELD.

On motion of Mr. B. Bettmann, the thanks of the Council were tendered to President Hackenburg for his prompt and impartial rulings while in the Chair; to the Israelites of the city of New York for their generous hospitality, and to the press of this city for the able reports of our proceedings.

The Committee appointed for that purpose presented the following report, which was received, and the persons therein named were duly elected members of the Executive Board to serve for the ensuing two years:

To the Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations:

The Committee on nominating the Executive Board respectfully report the following nominations:

David Adler,	Milwaukee, Wis.
Louis Asch,	New York City.
Marcus Berliner,	New York City.
Bernhard Bettmann,	Cincinnati, O.
Augustus Binswanger,	St. Louis, Mo.
B. H. Feustman,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Julius Freiberg,	Cincinnati, O.
Max L. Gutmann,	Rochester, N. Y.
Wm. Goodheart,	Cincinnati, O.
Wm. B. Hackenburg,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Louis Heinsheimer,	Cincinnati, O.
Adolph Harris,	Houston, Texas.
Myer S. Isaacs,	New York City.

Hezekiah Kohn,
 Adam A Kramer,
 J. D. Levy,
 Siegmund Levyn,
 Solomon Levi,
 Moritz Loth,
 Sigmund Mann,
 Simon W. Rosendale,
 Adolph L. Sanger,
 Jonas D. Samson,
 Moses Schloss,
 Mayer Sulzberger,
 Lazarus Silverman,
 Lewis Seasongood,
 Joseph Simon,
 Simon Wolf,
 Emanuel Wertheimer,

New York City.
 Cincinnati, O.
 Quincy, Ill.
 Buffalo, N. Y.
 Cincinnati, O.
 Cincinnati, O.
 Cleveland, O.
 Albany, N. Y.
 New York City.
 New York City.
 New York City.
 Philadelphia, Pa.
 Chicago, Ill.
 Cincinnati, O.
 New Orleans, La.
 Washington, D. C.
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

M. S. ISAACS,
 WM. GOODHEART,
 A. HARRIS,
 SAMUEL M. HYNEMAN,
 JOSIAH COHEN,

Committee.

On motion of Rev. George Jacobs, the Executive Board was authorized to provide means for the annual meetings of the Board of Governors in August, in the city of Cincinnati.

On motion of Mr. Simon Wolf, the thanks of the Council were tendered the Secretaries for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties during the session of the Council.

The minutes of this day's proceedings were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. F. De Sola Mendes, whereupon, on motion, the President declared the Sixth Council adjourned *sine die*.



WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,
President.

LIPMAN LEVY,
Secretary.

AUGUSTUS BINSWANGER,
Ass't Secretary.

Abstract of the Annual Reports of the Congregations for the Year ending March 1, 1879.

a. Not reported.

Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	Minister.	President.	Secretary.
1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Mr. Wm. Loewenberg.....	Joel H. Steinberg.....	N. Wolfstein.....
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Ind.....	Rev. Falk Vidaver.....	B. Baun.....	A. Loewenthal.....
3	Benai Yeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. Isaac M. Wise.....	Isaiah Newburgh.....	Frederick Kaub.....
4	Bnai Shalom.....	Quincy.....	Ill.....	None.....	Isaac Lesem.....	Jacob Bernheimer.....
5	Bene Yeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. E. Fisher.....	A. Lessner.....	Elias Ries.....
6	Ohev Zedukah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.....	Rev. David Greenebaum.....	L. Weixelbaum.....	Louis A. Braham.....
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Samuel Eppstein.....	Aaron Bamberger.....	Moses Bing, Jr.....
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.....	Rev. L. Liebmann.....	A. Schwab.....	J. L. Hano.....
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. M. Lilienthal.....	Julius Freiberg.....	A. Abraham.....
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tenn.....	Rev. M. Samfield.....	G. H. Judah.....	Samuel Hirsch.....
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. E. G. Hirsch.....	S. Ullman.....	Wm. Rosenberg.....
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Ind.....	Rev. Morris Messing.....	Herm. Bamberger.....	Abraham Lang.....
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Mich.....	Rev. Dr. Henry Zirndorf.....	Seligman Schloss.....	Simon Cohen.....
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Ky.....	Rev. Dr. S. S. Kohn.....	Abt. Lederman.....	Abr. Steinhart.....
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Ark.....	None.....	A. Friedheim.....	L. Wagner.....
17	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Miss.....	Rev. E. M. Rosenfelder.....	Samuel Ullman.....	S. L. Benjamin.....
18	Adath Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Ky.....	None.....	I. A. Godshaw.....	E. L. Moss.....
19	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Alexandria.....	La.....	Mr. Marx Klein.....	Edward Weil.....	Moses Mayer.....
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Dr. A. Hahn.....	J. Rohrbeimer.....	Gerson Strauss.....
21	Chaviah Shalom.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	Rev. Dr. J. S. Goldammer.....	Max Sax.....	Simon Weil.....
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.....	Rev. A. Wendel.....	A. Friedlich.....	Henry Flesh.....
25	Bnai Israel.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	Rev. B. A. Bonnheim.....	R. Hirschberg.....	M. Mayer.....
26	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	Rev. Joseph Bogen.....	Maier Spiesberger.....	Michael Weil.....
27	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston.....	W. Va.....	Rev. M. Strauss.....	Jacob Jelenko.....	Jonas Freundlich.....
28	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Mo.....	Rev. Dr. Isaac Schwab.....	Simon Stern.....	Samuel Hess.....
29	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston.....	S. C.....	Rev. David Levy.....	Philip Wineman.....	Nathaniel Levin.....

30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash.....	Ind.....	Rev. F. Becker.....	Michael Hyman.....	Henry Herff, Sr....
31	Keneseth Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.....	<i>None</i>	M. Nye.....	Julius Frank.....
32	Benai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Mo.....	Rev. Dr. I. Grossmann.....	Joseph Cahn.....	Chas. Dobrenner....
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wis.....	<i>None</i>	G. Langstadt.....	H. Berger.....
34	Meadville Hebrew Soc.	Meadville.....	Pa.....	<i>None</i>	M. Ohlman.....	M. H. Reefer.....
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	Rev. Dr. David Stern.....	John Korsosky.....	L. Loewenthal.....
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Ind.....	<i>None</i>	Bern. Kuhn.....	Abraham Levi.....
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Ill.....	Rev. Dr. Liebman Adler.....	M. M. Gerstley.....	Ben. W. Eisendrath
38	Bnai Israel.....	Nachitoches.....	La.....	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Ga.....	Rev. Dr. E. B. M. Browne.....	Levi Cohen.....	M. Teitelbaum.....
40	Bnai Jeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	Rev. A. Pollak.....	Isaac Kuhn.....	Louis D. Nessler....
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Ind.....	<i>None</i>	Hirsch Baer.....	W. J. Landauer....
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mich.....	Rev. Emanuel Gerechter.....	Isaac C. Levi.....	S. Lowenbaum.....
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Miss.....	<i>None</i>	Samuel Fischel.....	L. Hirsch.....
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Samson Falk.....	Henry Brock.....	S. Rosenau.....
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. L. Maier.....	E. Wertheimer.....	Henry Rosenberg....
49	Abavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Ind.....	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
50	Bnai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.....	Rev. H. Wolf.....	M. Roth.....	M. P. Strauss.....
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.....	Rev. Isaac Stempel.....	Leopold Eisman.....	M. Schloss.....
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Ind.....	Rev. Edward Rubin.....	Marx Frank.....	Moses Lamley.....
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>
56	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wis.....	Rev. Isaac S. Moses.....	Elias Friend.....	H. M. Oberndorfer
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian.....	Miss.....	Rev. S. Weinstein.....	Isaac Marx.....	G. H. Lesser.....
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. M. Elkin.....	S. Nathan.....	Simon Ezekiel.....
60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Miss.....	<i>None</i>	L. T. Newman.....	Abe Tische.....
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.....	Rev. B. Nordlinger.....	Henry Strauss.....	Herman Sommers...
63	Akron Hebrew Ass'n.....	Akron.....	Ohio.....	Rev. D. Burghelm.....	S. B. Hopfman.....	N. L. Holstein.....
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.....	Rev. L. Stern.....	Henry Adler.....	Adolph Adler.....
66	Knoxville Hebrew.....	Knoxville.....	Tenn.....	<i>None</i>	E. Samuel.....	F. Heart.....
67	Beth Ababa.....	Richmond.....	Va.....	Rev. Abraham Harris.....	Moses Millhiser.....	Moses Hutzler.....
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma.....	Ala.....	Rev. G. L. Rosenberger.....	Joseph Meyer.....	Adolph Jacobson...
69	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	Rev. Dr. A. Blum.....	F. Half.....	I. Holstein.....
70	Beth Israel.....	Houston.....	Texas.....	Rev. Jacob Voorsanger.....	Henry S. Fox.....	Simon Kottwitz.....
71	Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff.....	Ark.....	Rev. M. Greenblatt.....	G. Meyer.....	Morris Altschul....
72	Elz Raanon.....	Rochester.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. M. Moll.....	M. Greentree.....	Isaac Rosenbaum...
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc.	Victoria.....	Texas.....	<i>None</i>	Simon Levi.....	Louis Halfin.....
74	Hebrew Benev. Ass'n.....	Farmerville.....	La.....	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>

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Number.	Name of Congregation.	Where Located.	State.	Minister.	President.	Secretary.
77	Bnai Zion.....	Titusville.....	Pa.....	Rev. Felix Jesselsohn..	J. L. Weil.....	Simon Strauss, Jr.
78	Beth El.....	Helena.....	Ark.....	a.....	a.....	a.....
79	Anshi Chesed.....	Bay City.....	Mich.....	Rev. Wolff Landau.....	A. Hyman.....	A. Grabowsky.....
80	Beth Israel.....	Peoria.....	Ill.....	<i>None</i>	Samuel Woolner.....	Gabriel Meiers.....
81	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	Rev. Dr. S. H. Sonneschein	B. Hysinger.....	I. Koperlick.....
82	Oheb Zekek.....	Pottsville.....	Pa.....	Rev. Charles Austrian.....	Isaac Krotosky.....	Moses Hirshler.....
83	Bickur Cholim.....	Donaldsonville.....	La.....	Rev. Gustave Levy.....	S. Weinschenk.....	I. Heidenheim.....
84	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	Rev. J. K. Gutheim.....	Michael Frank.....	Ferdinand Marks.....
85	Brith Sholem.....	Springfield.....	Ill.....	Rev. G. S. Ensel.....	S. Rosenwald.....	S. Hammerslough..
87	Ohaveh Sholom.....	Summit.....	Miss.....	a.....	a.....	a.....
88	Bnai Sholem.....	Huntsville.....	Ala.....	Mr. Abraham Newman..	B. W. Wise.....	Abe W. Wise.....
89	Bnai Sholem.....	Bastrop.....	La.....	<i>None</i>	Mat. Levy.....	Aug. Simon.....
90	Children of Israel.....	Athens.....	Ga.....	Rev. Dr. Joseph Glueck..	M. Meyers.....	Philip Stern.....
91	Emanu El.....	Denver.....	Col.....	Rev. Henry Bloch.....	Herman Silver.....	Samuel J. Mitchell
92	Emanu El.....	San Francisco.....	Cal.....	Rev. Dr. Elkan Cohn.....	M. Selig.....	Emanuel Levy.....
93	Sons of Israel.....	Providence.....	R. I.....	Rev. Marx Moses.....	Henry Green.....	Myer Noot.....
94	Israel.....	Omaha.....	Neb.....	<i>None</i>	E. Simon.....	Simon B'nom.....
95	United Hebrew.....	St. Louis.....	Mo.....	Rev. Henry J. Messing...	B. Cohen.....	A. Gershon.....
96	Beth El Emeth.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	Rev. George Jacobs.....	Samuel Vendig.....	Moses Reinhard..
97	Emanu El.....	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Gustav Gottheil	Lewis May.....	Myer Stern.....
98	Beth El.....	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. K. Kohler.....	Ferd. Kurzman.....	D. Kobns.....
99	Shaarai Shomayim.....	Mobile.....	Ala.....	Rev. Dr. Adolph Moses..	Adolph Preskauer..	A. Baerman.....
100	Mount Zion Hebrew..	St. Paul.....	Minn.....	Rev. I. Wechsler.....	Solomon Bergman..	B. Flechner.....
101	Keneseth Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. Samuel Hirsch..	B. H. Feustmann..	Benny Salinger.....
102	Abavas Chesed.....	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. A. Huebsch.....	Abraham Simm.....	Laz. Loebl.....
103	Rodef Sholem.....	Philadelphia.....	Pa.....	Rev. Dr. M. Jastrow.....	David Teller.....	Alex. Reinstine....

104 Temple of Israel.....	Wilmington	N. C.....	Rev. Samuel Mendelsohn	Solomon Baer.....	J. I. Macks
105 Bnai Yeshurun	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Henry S. Jacobs.....	M. Dinkelspiel.....	E. De Young.....
106 Bnai Israel.....	Davenport.....	Iowa.....	Mr. J. Jacobsen.....	A. Moritz.....	J. Jacobsen.....
107 Anshe Emeth.....	Albany.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. M. Schlesinger.....	Isaac Waldman	S. Bondy.....
108 Berith Kodesh.....	Rochester	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Max Landsberg.....	Levi Adler	Martin Beir.....
109 Kahl Montgomery.....	Montgomery.....	Ala.....	Rev. S. Hecht	M. Kahn.....	L. Young.....
110 Yeshurun	Paducah.....	Ky.....	Rev. G. Taubenhaus	M. Bloom.....	Joseph Blum.....
111 Shaara Tefilla.....	Lynchburg.....	Va.....	Rev. I. Bamberger	M. Guggenheiser, Jr.....	M. Guggenheiser, Sr.....
112 Shaaray Tefila.....	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. F. DeSola Mendes.....	Benjamin J. Hart.....	Isaac S. Isaacs.....
113 Shangarai Chessed.....	New Orleans.....	La.....	Rev. I. L. Leucht.....	A. Lehmann.....	B. Oppenheim.....
114 Rodoph Sholom.....	New York.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. Aaron Wise.....	Simon Goldsmith.....	Philip Michaelson.....
115 Beth Israel.....	Portland.....	Oregon.....	Rev. M. May.....	P. Selling.....	S. Julius Mayer.....
116 Society of Concord.....	Syracuse.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. H. Birkenthal.....	L. Leiter.....	Benjamin Marshall.....
117 Beth Elohim.....	Brooklyn.....	N. Y.....	Rev. Dr. L. Wintner.....	Moses May.....	Leopold Bloch.....
118 Beth Israel.....	Hartford.....	Conn.....	Rev. Edwin M. Chapman.....	Solomon Lorsch.....	Lewis Tewekes.....

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1	Ahavath Achim.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1849	42	\$ 15,000 00	\$ 2,000 00	30
2	Benai Israel.....	Evansville.....	Indiana.....	1857	50	15,000 00	2,800 00	100
3	Bnai Jeshurun.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1841	225	150,000 00	19,000 00	225
4	Bnai Shalom.....	Quincy.....	Illinois.....	1864	41	25,000 00	3,000 00	60
5	Bene Jeshurun.....	Dayton.....	Ohio.....	1851	34	12,000 00	1,500 00	80
6	Ohev Zedekah.....	Springfield.....	Ohio.....	1867	17	none	650 00	9
7	Sherith Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1858	25	6,000 00	2,700 00	120
8	Rodef Sholem.....	Youngstown.....	Ohio.....	1867	20	none	1,050 00	9
9	Bene Israel.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	1823	200	100,000 00	12,000 00	160
10	Children of Israel.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee.....	1852	102	15,000 00	5,500 00	110
11	Adas Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	1840	190	147,000 00	12,200 00	250
12	Indianapolis Hebrew.....	Indianapolis.....	Indiana.....	1856	50	25,000 00	2,500 00	98
13	Beth El.....	Detroit.....	Michigan.....	1850	80	25,000 00	4,885 00	156
14	Beth Israel.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky.....	1856	67	8,000 00	1,500 00	55
15	Beth El Emeth.....	Camden.....	Arkansas.....	1870	12	6,000 00	75 00	none
16	Bnai Israel.....	Natchez.....	Mississippi.....	1843	30	15,000 00	2,000 00	45
17	Bnai Israel.....	Owensboro.....	Kentucky.....	1861	15	5,000 00	a	none
18	Adath Israel.....	Alexandria.....	Louisiana.....	1853	34	5,000 00	900 00	40
19	Gemilas Chasodim	Cleveland.....	Ohio.....	1850	66	15,000 00	4,200 00	80
20	Tifereth Israel.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee.....	1854	40	25,000 00	3,300 00	96
21	Ohavia Shalom.....	Piqua.....	Ohio.....	1858	12	none	50 00	none
22	Anshe Emeth.....	Columbus.....	Ohio.....	1868	44	15,000 00	2,000 00	77
23	Bene Israel.....	Keokuk.....	Iowa.....	1863	21	14,000 00	1,481 65	27
24	Beneh Israel.....	Charleston.....	West Virginia.....	1873	18	2,000 00	775 00	22
25	Adath Joseph.....	St. Joseph.....	Missouri.....	1857	44	8,000 00	3,000 00	65
26	Beth Elohim.....	Charleston.....	South Carolina.....	1750	55	30,000 00	3,126 50	132

30	Rodef Sholem.....	Wabash.....	Indiana.....	1873	20	none	962 00	23
31	Keneseh Israel.....	Zanesville.....	Ohio.....	1871	14	none	600 00	none
32	Bnai Jehudah.....	Kansas City.....	Missouri.....	1870	54	6,000 00	3,600 00	56
33	Anshe Chesed.....	La Crosse.....	Wisconsin.....	1857	17	400 00	150 00	24
34	Meadville Hebrew Soc'y.	Meadville.....	Pennsylvania.....	1866	16	none	a	none
35	Anshai Emeth.....	Peoria.....	Illinois.....	1863	24	5,000 00	1,600 00	40
36	Bnai Israel.....	Vincennes.....	Indiana.....	1867	14	none	154 20	none
37	Anshe Mayriv.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	1847	104	30,000 00	9,000 00	140
38	Benai Israel.....	Nachitoches.....	Louisiana.....	1871	a	a	a	a
39	Hebrew Benevolent.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia.....	1866	40	20,000 00	2,300 00	108
40	Bnai Yeshurun.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.....	1873	22	3,000 00	950 00	13
41	Or Zion.....	Peru.....	Indiana.....	1874	6	none	a	none
42	Emanuel.....	Grand Rapids.....	Michigan.....	1872	28	none	1,700 00	42
43	Anshe Chesed.....	Vicksburg.....	Mississippi.....	1841	50	15,000 00	3,600 00	80
46	Temple Beth Zion.....	Buffalo.....	New York.....	1864	70	30,000 00	7,000 00	120
47	Rodef Sholem.....	Pittsburgh.....	Pennsylvania.....	1857	77	10,000 00	4,950 00	124
49	Abavas Achim.....	Lafayette.....	Indiana.....	1842	a	a	a	a
50	Benai Israel.....	Hamilton.....	Ohio.....	1867	13	2,500 00	400 00	30
51	Bene Abraham.....	Portsmouth.....	Ohio.....	1858	16	2,500 00	900 00	10
52	Achdus Vesholom.....	Fort Wayne.....	Indiana.....	1848	40	20,000 00	2,300 00	30
55	Beth El.....	San Antonio.....	Texas.....	1874	a	a	a	a
56	Emanu El.....	Milwaukee.....	Wisconsin.....	1869	65	50,000 00	5,000 00	67
57	Beth Israel.....	Meridian.....	Mississippi.....	1873	21	6,000 00	1,620 00	30
58	House of Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania.....	1841	60	30,000 00	4,500 00	40
60	Gemilas Chasodim.....	Port Gibson.....	Mississippi.....	1860	16	none	a	25
61	Mount Sinai.....	Georgetown.....	D. C.....	1871	14	none	a	none
63	Akron Hebrew Ass'n.....	Akron.....	Ohio.....	1865	23	none	850 00	54
64	Washington Hebrew.....	Washington.....	D. C.....	1855	84	20,000 00	3,600 00	115
66	Knoxville Hebrew.....	Knoxville.....	Tennessee.....	1864	15	none	75 00	none
67	Beth Ahaba.....	Richmond.....	Virginia.....	1840	50	10,000 00	3,814 92	150
68	Mishkan Israel.....	Selma.....	Alabama.....	1870	31	5,000 00	1,300 00	40
69	Bnai Israel.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1868	70	15,000 00	3,229 62	120
70	Beth Israel.....	Houston.....	Texas.....	1859	25	17,500 00	2,209 33	86
71	Anshe Emeth.....	Pine Bluff.....	Arkansas.....	1865	41	6,000 00	2,500 00	50
72	Etz Raanon.....	Rochester.....	New York.....	1870	28	none	1,614 82	40
73	Victoria Heb. Ben. Soc'y	Victoria.....	Texas.....	1867	17	none	200 00	18
74	Heb. Ben. Association...	Farmerville.....	Louisiana.....	1874	a	a	a	a

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77	Bnai Zion.....	Titusville.....	Pennsylvania....	1870	19	\$ 12,000 00	\$ 953 33	30
78	Beth El.....	Helena.....	Arkansas.....	1875	a	a	a	a
79	Anshi Chesed.....	Bay City.....	Michigan.....	1870	22	none	600 00	20
80	Beth Israel.....	Peoria.....	Illinois.....	1874	14	4,000 00	50 00	none
81	Shaare Emeth.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	1869	200	100,000 00	11,075 32	155
82	Oheb Zedek.....	Pottsville.....	Pennsylvania....	1856	17	2,500 00	979 04	23
83	Bickur Cholim.....	Donaldsonville..	Louisiana.....	1849	10	2,500 00	700 00	none
84	Temple Sinai.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1870	140	150,000 00	16,000 00	170
85	Brith Sholem.....	Springfield.....	Illinois.....	1865	20	7,000 00	700 00	30
87	Ohavah Sholem.....	Summit.....	Mississippi.....	1877	a	a	a	a
88	Bnai Sholem.....	Huntsville.....	Alabama.....	1876	16	none	231 10	13
89	Bnai Sholem.....	Bastrop.....	Louisiana.....	1877	14	750 00	25 00	12
90	Children of Israel.....	Athens.....	Georgia.....	1873	20	700 00	200 00	28
91	Emanu El.....	Denver.....	Colorado.....	1874	30	3,000 00	2,100 00	65
92	Emanu El.....	San Francisco....	California.....	a	274	200,000 00	24,355 96	288
93	Sons of Israel.....	Providence.....	Rhode Island....	1877	60	none	1,900 00	35
94	Israel.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.....	1871	20	1,400 00	505 00	15
95	United Hebrew.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri.....	1837	70	30,000 00	4,174 09	65
96	Beth El Emeth.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania....	1857	40	7,500 00	4 500 00	60
97	Emanu El.....	New York.....	New York.....	1843	462	700,000 00	37,000 00	450
98	Beth El.....	New York.....	New York.....	1874	296	200,000 00	28,000 00	300
99	Shaarai Shomayim.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1844	65	7,000 00	7,000 00	70
100	Mount Zion Hebrew.....	St. Paul.....	Minnesota.....	1857	38	3,500 00	1,800 00	38
101	Keneseth Israel.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania....	1847	200	110,000 00	14,801 22	269
102	Abavas Chesed.....	New York.....	New York.....	1849	178	200,000 00	23,000 00	450
103	Kodesh Sholem.....	Philadelphia.....	Pennsylvania....	1780	203	235,000 00	15,696 44	250

104	Temple of Israel.....	Wilmington.....	North Carolina.....	1872	35	15,000 00	1,800 00	40
105	Enai Jeshurun.....	New York.....	New York.....	1825	140	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	200
106	Enai Israel.....	Davenport.....	Iowa.....	1861	13	<i>none</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>none</i>
107	Anshe Emet.....	Albany.....	New York.....	1850	127	20,000 00	5,000 00	200
108	Erith Kodesh.....	Rochester... ..	New York.....	1845	98	20,000 00	7,000 00	100
109	Kahl Montgomery.....	Montgomery... ..	Alabama.....	1852	51	15,000 00	3,600 00	120
110	Yeshurun.....	Paducah.....	Kentucky.....	1870	25	2,000 00	1,000 00	18
111	Shaara Tefila.....	Lynchburg.....	Virginia.....	1878	17	<i>none</i>	600 00	5
112	Shaaray Tefila.....	New York.....	New York.....	1845	150	100,000 00	17,756 85	175
113	Shangarai Chassed.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	1828	103	25,000 00	8,000 00	60
114	Rodoph Sholom.....	New York.....	New York.....	1843	125	25,000 00	7,407 75	70
115	Beth Israel.....	Portland.....	Oregon.....	1859	60	12,000 00	4,000 00	100
116	Society of Concord.....	Syracuse.....	New York.....	1841	34	5,000 00	2,175 00	5
117	Beth Elohim.....	Brooklyn.....	New York.....	75	75	40,000 00	6,000 00	112
118	Beth Israel.... ..	Hartford.....	Connecticut.....	1850	35	40,000 00	2,500 00	70

Summary of Reports from 104 Congregations.

98	Congregations have 6,235 contributing members.	
6	“ have not reported.	
77	Congregations own real estate (exclusive of burial grounds), valued at \$3,282,750.00	
20	“ have no real estate except burial grounds.	
7	“ have not reported.	
91	Congregations had expenses during the past year (erection of buildings not included) amounting to \$425,859.14	
13	Congregations have not reported.	
86	Congregations have 7,832 children attending Sabbath-schools.	
12	“ have no Sabbath-schools.	
6	“ have not reported.	
83	Congregations have ministers.	
15	“ have no ministers.	
6	“ have not reported.	

ERRATA.

Page 607, read \$510.80 in lieu of \$510.40, chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund; and \$466.68 in lieu of \$469.08, chargeable to the General Fund.

" 626, read \$502.91 in lieu of \$500.51, chargeable to the Indigent Students' Fund, and \$360.05 in lieu of \$362.45, chargeable to the General Fund.

" 643, read \$1,019.03 in lieu of \$644.03, Bills ordered to be Paid, and \$618.53 in lieu of \$243.53, chargeable to the General Fund.

" 645, read \$205.63 in lieu of \$205.58, chargeable to the General Fund.

" 668, read \$3,503.94 in lieu of \$3,394.14, Boarding Indigent Students', and \$3,921.44 in lieu of \$3,811.64, in extension Indigent Students' Account.

" 669, read \$8,018.69 in lieu of \$7,908.89, Total Summary of Expenses.

" 689, "Committee Union American Hebrew Congregations" should read "Committee on Statistics."

" 708, Add the name of "Lewis N Dembitz" to the Report of the Commission on Course of Study, etc.

" 720, "refer to page 721 of this report" should read "refer to page 678 of this report."

(NOTE—With the exception of the one on page 720, which was made by the printer, the foregoing errors were in the manuscript reports furnished by the respective committees and officers.

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